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JOHN GLENN MARKS 50 YEARS SINCE  
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## THE BIGGER THEY ARE ...

ABOVE: A track hoe and trailer overturned Monday near the intersection of Mount Gilead Road and Kentucky 1234 shortly after noon. No injuries were reported. Above, workers try to find places to attach chains so that it could be lifted by a crane.

RIGHT: Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Larry Farris searches for clues on what caused the accident.

TERRY PRATHER PHOTOS, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT



## Separate trials granted to three suspects in '05 murder

JACKSON, DODSON AND FAIRCHILD  
TO APPEAR NEXT ON MARCH 2

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FLEMINGSBURG | Scheduled to appear for every ruling day of Fleming County Circuit Court session until their trials begin, the three suspects in the murder of Donald Walker and Marlane Mauk in May 2005 appeared in court on Friday.

Jason S. Jackson, 33, of Xenia, Ohio, Rodney "Dwayne" Dodson, 36, of Dayton, Ohio,

and Rodney C. Fairchild, 43, also of Xenia, were arrested in Ohio, then extradited to Kentucky in July 2011 as suspects in the murders.

Circuit Court Judge Lewis Nichols agreed to a separate trial motion, Friday, which had been presented in January by each defense attorney.

For the time being, severance of their trials will change

See **SUSPECTS**, A2



DODSON



FAIRCHILD

Rodney Dodson, Rodney Fairchild and Jason Jackson are suspects in the 2005 murders of Marlane Mauk and Donald Walker.



JACKSON



OVERVIEW | Workers survey the area around the Maysville floodwall Monday to gather data for an inspection.

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## Oil jumps to 9-month high after Iran cuts supply

PRICE ABOVE  
\$105 IN EUROPE

PABLO GORONDI  
Associated Press

Oil prices jumped to a nine-month high above \$105 a barrel on Monday after Iran said it halted crude exports to Britain and France in an escalation of a dispute over the Middle Eastern country's nuclear program.

By Monday afternoon, benchmark March crude was up \$2.02 to \$105.26 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the highest since May. The contract rose 93 cents to settle at \$103.24 per barrel in New York on Friday.

Iran's announcement will likely have minimal impact on supplies, analysts said, because only about 3 percent of France's oil consumption is from Iranian

See **OIL**, A2

## ADAMS COUNTY

## Library seeks levy again on March 6

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PEEBLES, Ohio | If Adams County Public Library's one-mill levy passes on March 6, citizens can expect longer operating hours and more educational programs, as well as the completion of plans for a new library



HAROLD SHOWALTER

in Seaman.

The levy failed in November 2011, with 3,600 voting for it, and 4,117 against.

Over the past 10 years, state funding to the library has decreased by almost 30 percent. In 2001, Ohio gave about \$1 million to fund ACPL system; in 2011, that funding decreased to \$800,000, and by 2012 it was down to \$755,000, Director Harold Showalter said.

"Many nearby counties already have levies funding their public libraries as state funds have been slowly cut," he said.

There is currently no local funding for the system.

About \$600,000 should be generated by the one-mill levy in Adams County which will be collected through real estate taxes in 2013. The biggest percentage will be paid by the two power plants on the Ohio River, he said.

Costs have been cut over the years by not replacing professional staff who have retired, Showalter said.

See **LEVY**, A2



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MORNING  
Mostly cloudy



EVENING  
Partly cloudy



H50s L30s



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TODAY

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H50s | L30s

WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy  
H50s | L40s

THURSDAY

Partly cloudy  
H60s | L40s

FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy  
H40s | L20s

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy  
H40s | L20s

YESTERDAY

High 46 | Low 20

YESTERDAY'S NORMAL

High 38 | Low 33

ONE YEAR AGO

High 47 | Low 29

RECORD HIGH

72/1997

RECORD LOW

29/1896

PRECIPITATION FOR MONTH

1.52

NORMAL FOR MONTH TO DATE

2.26

PRECIPITATION FOR YEAR

5.06

NORMAL FOR YEAR TO DATE

5.46

NEW

TODAY

FIRST

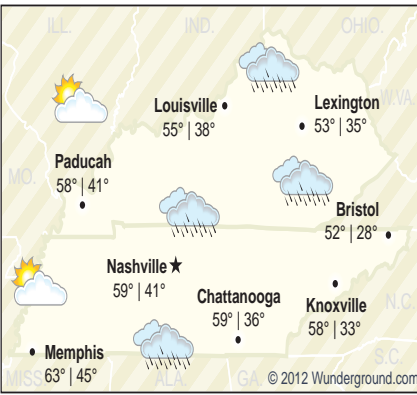
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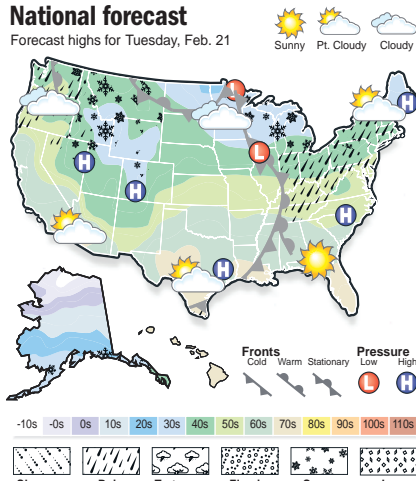
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LAST

MARCH 15



SUNRISE: 7:22 A.M.  
SUNSET: 6:23 P.M.  
RIVER LEVEL  
34.72 feet



# CRISIS

FROM A1

The facility will be managed by a masters level clinician, along with six to eight residential staff members who will oversee daily operations. Members

of Comprehend's acute care team will also provide services.

"Despite our economic challenges, Comprehend remains committed to providing quality behavioral healthcare services to our communities," said Vaught. "With the opening of the ACSU, we are able

to bridge another existing health care gap that will help improve the health of our communities."

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# SUSPECTS

FROM A1

little of the pretrial posturing by their attorneys and Commonwealth's Attorney Kathryn Hendrickson.

Nichols set a tentative trial date in May for Jackson.

A motion to have the

venue changed for Jackson's trial and the others has not been decided, officials said.

Another pretrial hearing is scheduled for all three suspects on March 2, court officials said.

Mauk and Walker were found shot to death at Walker's residence in the Goddard community of Fleming County.

Mauk's mother, Dawn

Mauk kept her daughter's death in the minds of the public using a photo of her (late) daughter and grandson with the caption "Who killed my mommy?" mounted on a billboard in 2006.

Jackson and Dodson are in Mason County Detention Center and Fairchild is in Rowan County Detention Center when they are not in court.

# LEVY

FROM A1

Now there are 12 full-time employees, and 13 part-time and substitutes working throughout the libraries in Peebles, West Union, Manchester and Seaman, he said.

Hours have also been slowing cut in the last two years. Now the libraries are only open during the day on weekdays, and one evening per week. Once the levy passes, Showalter's staff will offer surveys to library patrons to learn how to extend the hours to better meet everyone's needs, he said.

If the levy passes, 85 percent of the \$600,000 will go to restoring services which will include hiring more full-time and professional staff, while the final 15 percent will go to help build a new library in Seaman. The library there is now a 400-square-foot room, Showalter said.

Over the years, when the library was receiving more funding from the state to operate the libraries, there was always a balance left

over each year that was saved through careful spending. For example, last year the library managed to save \$100,000. This money has been earmarked to build the new Seaman library which is estimated to cost \$1 million, Showalter said.

More than quarter of the population of the county lives in the Seaman area. This area needs a library. Plans will include a 5,000 square-foot building with about 10 computers. The public library has become a place where the community has access to high-speed internet for easier job searches and other research, he said.

More educational programs will also be possible, once the levy funds start coming in, he said. Programs that have been put on hold include resume and employment workshops called Project Compass and Ohio Ready to Read that helps preschool age children and their parents be more prepared for kindergarten.

"Along with our collection of books that is normally expected at every library, we have large print

books, children's books young adult, e-books, DVDs, and even some VHS movies. We don't actually have a music library but it is possible to order through the Ohio library share system a large selection of music and books from other libraries found throughout Ohio," Showalter said.

Programs now offered by the ACPL include:

- Basic computer classes, learning about the internet, help with iPads, Nooks and Kindles.

- Family-oriented nutrition classes taught by Ohio State University Extension Office.

- Online access to car repair manuals, genealogy resources, and e-books.

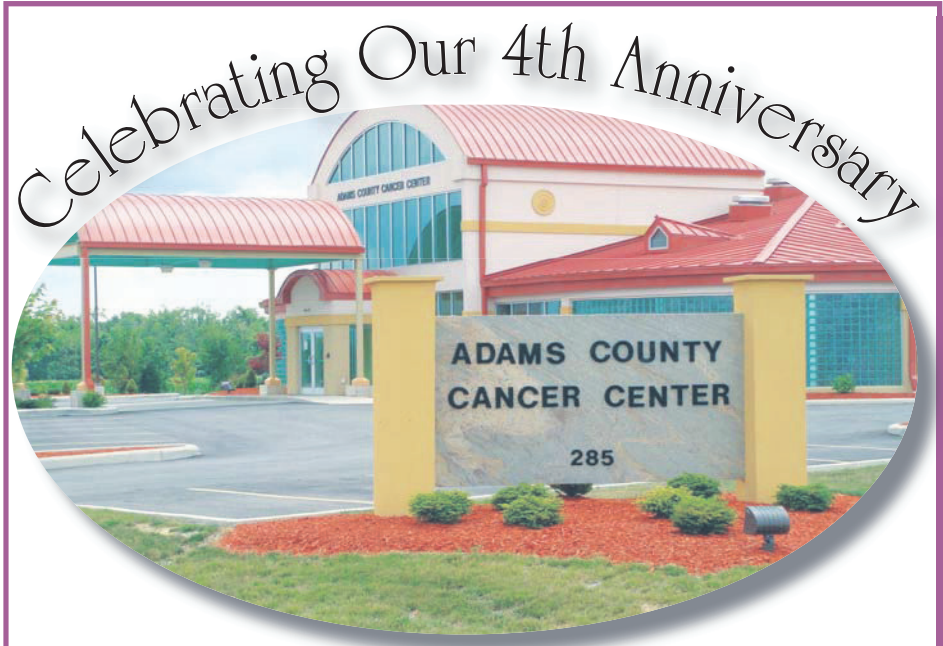
- Outreach reading materials taken to local day cares, preschools and nursing homes.

- Reading programs for children.

- Community coupon exchange meeting.

Adams County property owners can see how much the levy will cost by visiting [www.adamscountyauditor.org](http://www.adamscountyauditor.org).

For more information about ACPL visit: [www.adamsco.lib.oh.us](http://www.adamsco.lib.oh.us).



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# OIL

FROM A1

sources. Britain had not imported oil from the Islamic republic in six months.

"The price rise is more a reflection of concerns about the further escalation in tensions between Iran and the West," said commodity analyst Caroline Bain of the Economist Intelligence Unit. "Banning the tiny quantities of exports to the U.K. and France involves very little risk for Iran — indeed quite the opposite, it catches the head-

lines and leads to a higher global oil price, which is something Iran is very keen to encourage."

Markets in the United States are closed Monday for the Presidents Day holiday.

Iran's oil ministry said Sunday it stopped crude shipments to British and French companies in an apparent pre-emptive blow against the European Union after the bloc imposed sanctions on Iran's crucial fuel exports. They include a freeze of the country's central bank assets and an oil embargo set to begin in July.

Iran's Oil Minister Ros-

tam Qassemi had warned earlier this month that Tehran could cut off oil exports to "hostile" European nations. The 27-nation EU accounts for about 18 percent of Iran's oil exports.

Tehran also is considering extending the embargo to other European countries, a semiofficial Iranian news agency reported Monday.

The head of Iran's state oil company Ahmad Qalehbani was quoted by the Mehr agency as saying that the country would stop selling crude to nations who take action against Tehran.

The EU sanctions, along with other punitive measures imposed by the U.S., are part of Western efforts to derail Iran's disputed nuclear program, which the West fears is aimed at developing atomic weapons. Iran denies the charges, and says its program is for peaceful purposes.

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## ATTENTION TO DETAILS

## Top educator looks at Deming

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EDUCATION VISITSWENDY MITCHELL  
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MOUNT OLIVET | Attention to the educational advancements and needs of Deming students appears to be growing as quickly as the walls of the new school being built for them.

According to school officials, Deming graduates showed an increase in the percentage of students who scored at or above benchmark on the ACT, and a 12 percent increase in the graduation rate.

On Feb. 13, Kentucky Commissioner of Education Dr. Terry Holliday visited Deming High School, meeting with administrators, teachers, staff and students as part of his plan to visit all 174 school districts in the state during his first three years.

Holliday toured Deming and talked with teachers and staff about the challenges and re-

wards of their job, officials said.

“He also met with district administrators and discussed the current legislative session and the budget situation. Dr. Holliday was genuinely interested in hearing from the staff, particularly concerning implementation of the Common Core Standards. Most of our discussions focused on the legislative session and the budget for K-12



HOLLIDAY

education,” said Deming Superintendent Chuck Brown.

The visit was on the heels of an announcement of a “generous” endowment to Maysville Community and Technical College, to benefit Robertson County High School graduates, beginning with the graduating class of 2013.

On Jan. 31, a team from the Kentucky Department of Education visited, “to observe and discuss best practices to share around the state,” Brown said.

See **EDUCATOR**, A4

PREGNANT WOMAN,  
TODDLER KILLED IN  
OHIO HIT-AND-RUN

DAYTON, Ohio | Police in Dayton say a pregnant woman and her 3-year-old daughter were killed in a hit-and-run crash.

Multiple media outlets say the two were struck by a vehicle Sunday night, apparently while they were walking in the street.

Investigators found the suspected vehicle several blocks from where the mother and daughter were hit. Police were interviewing two people who were inside the vehicle. It wasn't clear whether they stopped on their own or were stopped by authorities.

There was no immediate word on any charges. — **AP**

MAN SHOT DURING  
HOME INVASION DIES

MAYFIELD | A western Kentucky man who was shot when intruders forced their way into his home last week has died.

Graves County Sheriff Dewayne Redmon told The Paducah Sun that Richard Jett died Sunday after developing complications from surgery.

Jett's wife, Sharon Jett, was improving after having been shot five times in her legs and lower body.

Police have arrested three people in connection to the home intrusion, including an ex-boyfriend of the couple's daughter.

Police say the former boyfriend, Edwin Russell of Elkton, stayed in the car while two others — James Allen Kirby and Richard D. Phipps — went to rob the couple.

The suspects were charged last week with two counts each of attempted murder plus additional crimes, but Redmon said Sunday the charges could be upgraded. — **AP**

THOUSANDS STILL  
WITHOUT POWER  
IN EASTERN KY.

HAZARD | Crews are working to restore power to thousands of people in eastern Kentucky after heavy snow fell in the area.

Kentucky Power had about 30,000 customers without power on Monday morning in Hazard, Paintsville, Pikeville, south Williamson and Whitesburg, according to the company's website.

The restoration effort could take until Thursday, WKYT-TV in Lexington. — **AP**

SHIP THAT  
COLLAPSED BRIDGE  
RESUMES VOYAGE

PADUCAH | The cargo ship that struck a Kentucky Lake bridge, bringing part of it down, has resumed its voyage to Cape Canaveral, Fla.

A spokeswoman for the ship's owner, Foss Maritime, told The Paducah Sun that the Delta Mariner left the shipyard in Paducah, Ky. on Friday evening. The ship had arrived on Feb. 15 for repairs.

The ship struck the Eggnor's Ferry Bridge on Jan. 26, collapsing a 322-foot section of it onto the vessel's deck and into the lake. The missing span halted traffic on U.S. 68 between the western shore of the lake and the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

Most of the visible damage to the ship, which was carrying rocket parts for NASA and the U.S. Air Force, was to handrails and deck machinery. — **AP**



TERRY PRATHER, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

**MORNING EXERCISE** | Geese swim in a lake along U.S. 68, Monday morning as the sun begins to rise.

Kentucky  
fairgrounds  
seeking  
luxury hotelWITH ECONOMY  
IMPROVING,  
SEEKING TO  
LURE MORE  
CONVENTIONS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE | The Kentucky State Fair Board is seeking proposals for a luxury hotel that they say would lure more large conventions and trade shows to the area.

Fair board President Harold Workman told The Courier-Journal that he believes the economy is righting itself enough that the \$100 million project would be feasible.

The board sent requests to 30 hotel-development companies asking for a minimum of 600 rooms and full-service amenities. The hotel would be located near Gate One and serve as a headquarters for trade shows and conventions. It would have an elevated walkway connecting it to the fairgrounds' South Wing exhibit complex.

Officials at the fairgrounds say they've lost at least one convention and one trade show because of the lack of a hotel.

“We lost the Pumper Cleaner Expo (a trade show for environmental service professionals) due to no hotel at Gate One, and we had a

See **HOTEL**, A4



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Sen. John Glenn talks via satellite with the astronauts on the International Space Station, before the start of a roundtable discussion titled “Learning from the Past to Innovate for the Future” Monday in Columbus, Ohio. Glenn was the first American to orbit Earth, piloting Friendship 7 around it three times in 1962, and also became the oldest person in space, at age 77, by orbiting Earth with six astronauts aboard shuttle Discovery in 1998.

Glenn chats with  
space station to  
mark anniversaryKANTELE FRANKO  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio | NASA surprised John Glenn with the kind of anniversary gift only a space agency can give, enabling him to speak live with the International Space Station on Monday as he marked 50 years since his historic spaceflight.

The former astronaut and senator from Ohio, now 90, became the first American to orbit the Earth on Feb. 20, 1962, circling it three times in five hours and helping to

lead the nation into space. He celebrated the anniversary at Ohio State University by kicking off a forum about NASA's future.

Sitting on stage with NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, he chatted with three space station crew members about space research and NASA's future. Commander Dan Burbank appeared by video link, flanked by two flight engineers floating in the zero-gravity environment, and

See **GLENN**, A4

Teen  
honored  
for blanket  
projectHARRODSBURG  
GIRL MAKES  
FLEECE  
BLANKETS  
FOR CHILDREN

Associated Press

HARRODSBURG | A Kentucky teen is being honored for a project that makes and distributes fleece blankets to children.

Julia Higginbotham, 17, found out this month that Prudential Financial selected her as the state's top high school volunteer for her Project Keep 'em Warm, the Advocate-Messenger reported.

The project started in 2009 when Higginbotham decided she wanted to do something to give back to her Mercer County community.

She already knew how to make fleece blankets and decided that would be her gift to needy children for the holidays.

When she found out there were more than 400 in need, she wasn't deterred. She began making flyers and soliciting donations to purchase the fleece. Then blanket-making workshops were held in churches and other locations. There was a blanket for every child by early December.

See **BLANKETS**, A4

# EDUCATOR FROM A3

“When looking at the most recent college/career readiness rates and graduation rates, it is clear that some districts are making significant strides toward student success. Your district is one of those. We would very much like to visit your high school to better understand how you are effectively reaching your goals. What we learn from your staff will help KDE share best practices across the Commonwealth,” said Felicia Cummings Smith, associate commissioner, in a letter to Brown.

Getting students ready for opportunities like the recently announced Nelson and Pauline Hester Robertson County Community Enrichment Scholarship Fund takes dedication from students and staff, officials said.

“(KDE team visitors) were interested in what programs and practices we had implemented to enable us to increase our percentage of graduates who were college ready,” said Garrick Ratliff, Deming Instructional Supervisor. “They focused on topics related to school and district culture, programs and strategies, leadership, school-wide practices, Common Core implementation, and tools and resources for improving teaching and learning. Our staff has worked really hard to implement the programs that have contributed to our success.”

When all visits across Kentucky are complete, best practices will be posted on KDE’s Unbridled Spirit web site.

Construction of the new Robertson County School continues on U.S. 62, east of Mount Olivet, with a late 2012 to early 2013 expected completion date, Brown said.

# FOR THE RECORD Mason County District Court

JAN. 25, 2012

Michael E. Baker, 36, expired registration plates, dismissed with proof; failure to maintain insurance, \$500.

Shaun L. Beckett, 29, speeding 5 mph over limit, fine; operating vehicle with expired license, 450; failure to wear seat belt, \$25.

Elwood Brooks, four counts theft by deception including cold checks under \$500, failed to appear.

Eric Burgemeier, 25, expired registration plates, \$100.

Ashley M. Crabtree, expired other state registration receipt, dismissed with proof.

David Elliot Jr., 42, operating on suspended license, failure to notify DOT of address change, dismissed with proof.

Paul J. Finn, 32, disregarding stop sign, \$25; license to be in possession, dismissed with proof.

Ricky D. Flinders Jr., 29, second-degree fleeing/evading police, failed to appear.

Christopher M. Fryman, 25, public intoxication, \$25.

Timothy R. Hall, 19, shoplifting, 120 days, probated.

Kimberly J. Henderson, 33, theft by deception including cold checks under \$300, 30 days, probated.

Tray Henson, 20, DUI aggravator first offense, 30 days, serve 17, \$500, license suspended 120 days; operating on suspended license, 60 days, probated; failure to maintain insurance, \$500; expired other state registration, \$25; expired registration plates, dismissed.

Dustin Jenkins, 21, public intoxication, \$25; second-degree disorderly conduct, 90 days, count time served, balance probated.

Shawn E. Malone, 26, speeding 17 mph over limit, fines; expired registration

plates, dismissed; expired registration receipt, \$25; failure to maintain insurance, \$500; failure to notify DOT of address change, dismissed with proof.

Rebecca S. Miller, 37, expired registration plates, dismissed with proof; failure to produce insurance card, amended to no insurance, \$500.

Daniel T. Morrison, 24, expired registration plates and receipts, dismissed with proof; failure to produce insurance card, amended to no insurance, \$500.

Jody L. Payton, 40, DUI, DUI seven days, count time served, balance probated, \$500, license suspended 90 days.

Benjamin Reeves, 20, no license, 60 days, probated, license suspended six months; failure to maintain insurance, 4500.

Eric Shields, 22, public intoxication, 425.

Nathan Spurlock, 22,

operating on suspended license, speeding 10 mph over limit, failed to appear.

Sherry L. Streets, 50, reckless driving, failed to appear.

Phillip C. Truesdell, 24, fourth-degree assault, possession marijuana, dismissed.

Charles E. Walker, 45, DUI aggravator, 30 days, serve four, balance probated, \$500, license suspended 120 days; failure to maintain insurance, dismissed with proof.

Steven Brownlee, 22, failure to maintain insurance, dismissed with proof.

Leeann M. Moore, 25, public intoxication, dismissed with time served.

Brandon Newdigate, 32, theft by unlawful taking, amended to theft by unlawful taking under 4500, 180 days, count time served, balance probated, restitution; possession of marijuana, 10 days, consecutive.

# BLANKETS FROM A3

“It was awesome to see the community come out like that,” Higginbotham said.

Since it began, the project has delivered more than 1,000 blankets.

“For it to be this big of a deal, I can’t believe it, but I’m glad it did,” Higginbotham told the newspaper during an interview at Mercer Senior High

School.

Higginbotham used the Harrodsburg Herald’s Love Tree, which collects donations for struggling families around Christmas, to determine the recipients of the blankets.

Herald General Manager April Ellis said Higginbotham deserves the award.

“I was very impressed that she was able to come up with a great idea and then make it happen,” Ellis said. “It’s one thing to come up with an idea; it’s another thing to see it through. “And just the practicality of it. Those of us blessed with good jobs have heat in the house, but not everyone does. Blankets can make a big difference,” Ellis said.

The honor means Higginbotham will get a \$1,000 scholarship and will travel to Washington D.C. in May, where she’ll compete against other teens for \$5,000 in scholarship money and \$5,000 for her project.



NASA, FILE  
In this Feb. 20, 1962 file photo provided by NASA, astronaut John Glenn climbs into the Friendship 7 space capsule atop an Atlas rocket at Cape Canaveral, Fla., for the flight which made him the first American to orbit the earth.

# GLENN FROM A3

said the crew was delighted to help commemorate Glenn’s momentous trip.

Glenn was among the top military test pilots presented in 1959 as the Mercury Seven. The only other surviving Mercury astronaut is Scott Carpenter, who called out the memorable line “Godspeed John Glenn” moments before the rocket ignited for Glenn’s spaceflight.

“Fifty years ago today,

Friendship 7 was orbiting planet Earth, and that helped in a very big way, paved the way for America to become a space power, and to go to the moon, and to do the things that we’re doing right now on the International Space Station,” Burbank said. “And we hope this also can help set the stage for us down the road to do even greater things.”

Glenn had a light-hearted but educational exchange with the space station crew, asking them about the types and number of experiments on board — more than a hundred, they said — and explaining to his gravity-bound audience of more than 200 people that, for example, a candle burns differently in space than on Earth.

When Bolden asked the astronauts which experiment they’d like to hand off to Glenn if he could join them, Burbank suggested research on the “regenerative environmental control systems” on spacecraft.

“That’s a fancy word for

our toilet,” flight engineer Don Pettit added. “So he wants to put Sen. Glenn busy fixing the plumbing up here.”

Glenn took the humor in stride, replying: “That’s exactly what I thought I was going to get assigned to.”

Glenn also inquired about how far the space station had traveled during the course of the roughly 15 minutes they’d been talking. They hadn’t kept an eye on the exact distance but said they guessed it was about one-fourth of the way around the Earth.

Bolden joked that Glenn sometimes bugs him about making a trip to the space station. Glenn became the oldest person to fly in space in 1998, at age 77.

He and Annie, his wife of almost seven decades, were scheduled to cap Monday’s anniversary by participating in a student-led question-and-answer session during an evening gala featuring a keynote speech by former astronaut Mark Kelly, the commander of the space shuttle Endeavour’s final mission.

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signed contract for Memorial Day weekend 2013 with NAFSA (a youth convention with 20,000 people) which canceled the contract due to lack of a convention hotel at Gate One,” said Linda Edwards, the fair board’s vice president of sales and marketing.

Edwards said that “many large conventions continue to request an adjoining convention hotel, including the FFA and Skills USA, because their attendees have to stay further out without one.”

Workman said the fair board set a March 21 deadline for proposals and hopes to get at least five responses. He said the earliest that a new luxury hotel could open is mid-2014.

It is the third time the fair board considered the move, but shelved the idea in 2006 and 2007 due to economic concerns.

Fair board spokeswoman Amanda Stormont said there are about 12 hotels that offer almost 2,500 rooms near the Exposition Center.

Hotel occupancy rates have been at just under 60 percent over the last two years, but the city needs more luxury rooms, according to Jim Wood, president of the Greater Louisville Convention & Visitors Bureau.

He said Louisville competes with Nashville, Tenn., and Indianapolis for tourism and convention business and both of those cities have full-service hotels connected to their major convention facilities by pedways.

Workman said a committee will review responses and choose a top respondent. After that process, a lease deal would need to be negotiated and then construction could begin.

Information from: The Courier-Journal, http://www.courier-journal.com



## FUNERAL SERVICES

### TUESDAY

**Lloyd Bond** — 11 a.m., Globe Funeral Home, Camp Dix.

**Elizabeth Frodge** — 1 p.m., Knox and Brothers Funeral Home, Maysville.

### WEDNESDAY

**Robert Gilkison** — 1 p.m., Lafferty Funeral Home, West Union, Ohio.

### FRIDAY

**Patricia Baker Evans** — 1 p.m., Lafferty Funeral Home, West Union, Ohio.

### SATURDAY

**Sister Louisa Dwyer** — 10 a.m., St. Patrick Church, Maysville.

## DEATHS ELSEWHERE



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE  
John Fairfax stands beside his 22-foot rowing boat, Britannia, in 1969 at King George V Dock in London, prior to sailing to the Canary Islands from where he planned to row across the Atlantic to Miami.

## John Fairfax, who crossed oceans in rowboats, dies

MARTIN GRIFFITH  
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. | John Fairfax, the first known person to row alone across the Atlantic Ocean, has died at his Las Vegas-area home. He was 74.

The self-described "professional adventurer" died Feb. 8 of an apparent heart attack in Henderson, his wife, Tiffany, said Sunday.

Fairfax gained international attention in 1969 when he became the first person in recorded history to cross the Atlantic alone by rowboat. He dealt with sharks, storms and exhaustion on the six-month, 5,000-mile journey from the Canary Islands to Florida.

In 1972, he and his girlfriend, Sylvia Cook, became the first known people to row across the Pacific Ocean. He survived a shark attack and cyclone on the yearlong, 8,000-mile trek from San Francisco to Australia.

Fairfax wrote separate books about his ocean crossings that were both published in the 1970s.

"He was a man of unbelievable strength and courage and confidence in everything he did," Tiffany Fairfax told The Associated Press.

## DEATHS LOCALLY

### MRS. CLAYBROOKE

MAY'S LICK | Mary Elizabeth Yancey Claybrooke, 92, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, in Gallatin, Tenn.

She was the daughter of the late Bessie Peed and Hugh Yancey. She was born in May's Lick, on Aug. 31, 1919.

Mrs. Claybrooke was preceded in death by her husband, David Lewis Claybrooke.

She was a member of the Bluegrass Baptist Church in Hendersonville, Tenn.

Mrs. Claybrooke is survived by her daughter, Barbara Claybrooke Harover (Pierce) of Hendersonville, Tenn.; a daughter-in-law, Cheri Strode Claybrooke of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a niece, Catherine Yancey Southworth (Richard) of Austin, Texas; two sisters, Josephine Yancey and Dorothy Yancey Sohl of Lexington; grandchildren, Lynn Harover Takacs (Tim), Laura Harover Lessley, Nelson Harover, Amy Claybrooke Vinson (Jim), Emily Claybrooke Jenkins (David); and great-grandchildren, Jeremy Lessley, Jordan Russell, Brittany Russell, Heidi Harover, Adam Harover, Luke Vinson, Cale Vinson, Harper Jenkins and Hunter Jenkins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Hugh Yancy Jr.; and a son, David Lewis Claybrooke Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bluegrass Baptist Church library, Hendersonville, Tenn.

A graveside service will be held at the May's Lick Cemetery in May's Lick, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at 2 p.m.

Palmer Funeral Home in May's Lick will be providing arrangements in May's Lick, and Hendersonville Memory Gardens will be providing transportation to Kentucky.

### MR. GILKISON

WEST UNION, Ohio | Robert Gilkison, 84, of West Union, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at the Adams County Manor in West Union.

He was born Feb. 11, 1928, in Manchester.

He was preceded in

death by parents, Charles Henry Gilkison and Edith (Grooms) Gilkison Stephenson.

He is survived by wife, Doris (Chamblin) Gilkison of West Union; one son, David Alan Gilkison of Fairfield; two sisters, Lois (Charles) Wilson of West Union, and Carletta Passo of Summerfield, Fla.; two grandchildren, Aaron Gilkison and Sara (Jeremy) Gilkison Pate, both of Oxford; seven great-grandchildren; two aunts, Helen Lawler of West Union, and Georgana Phipps of Lynx; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He retired from the O.V.S.L.D. in 1984 and was an administrator at the Vocational School and a teacher at Seaman High School and Manchester High School. He was a teacher at Tri-County College (U.C. branch campus) at Macon.

He was a 1946 graduate of West Union High School and a graduate of Wilmington College. He was a member of Ohio Retired Teachers Association; F. & A.M. Lodge No. 43 of West Union, and Scottish Rite — Valley of Cincinnati; O.E.S. — West Union Chapter No. 246; 30-year member of Adams County Airport Authority; charter member of Adams County Pilots Association; and life member of V.F.W. — Richard L. Dryden Post 8287 of Manchester. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

The funeral service is Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at 1 p.m., at Lafferty Funeral Home in West Union. Pastor Lee Dettwiller will officiate.

The visitation is today, from 5 until 8 p.m. A Masonic and Scottish Rite ring service is at 8 p.m.

The interment is in Manchester Cemetery.



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### MRS. HAMILTON

MAYSVILLE | Elizabeth Orme Hamilton, 100, passed this life, Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, at the Maysville Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility.

Mrs. Hamilton was born in Robertson County, on Feb. 11, 1912, daughter of the late Howard and Maude Case Orme.

Mrs. Hamilton was the widow of Stanton W. Hamilton.

She was retired from J. C. Penney Company and was a member of Central United Methodist Church where she was active in the United Methodist Women's group. She was a member of the Mason County Homemakers and the Garden Club.

Mrs. Hamilton is survived by her children, Larry S. Hamilton, Sophie

J. Hathorn, Janice H. Rawlings and Susan H. Lilly; several grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jacqueline Hamilton Ormes; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Hamilton Ormes Bomcamp; two brothers, Harold G. Orme Sr., Howard M. Orme; and a sister, Frances Allison.

Services for Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton will be a private graveside service held at the convenience of the family with Rev. David Oliver officiating.

There will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers or food donations may be made to one's church or charity of one's choice.

Guestbook at [knox-brothersfuneralhome.com](http://knox-brothersfuneralhome.com)

### MRS. THOROUGHMAN

TOLLESBORO | Evelyn Jewel Spence Thoroughman, 79, of Tollesboro, died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, at her home.

She was born in Lewis County on April 23, 1932, to the late Leroy and Effie Kilgore Spence. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in

death by her husband, Roy Junior Thoroughman.

She is survived by her son, Freddie Thoroughman and wife, Vickie of Tollesboro; a daughter, Diana Sue Ruark and fiancé, Kevin Haynes; grandchildren, "4" Penny Lee and husband Harlan, Michael Thoroughman and wife, Michelle, Larry Wayne Ruark and wife, Teresa, and Stephanie Arnett and husband Michael; great-grandchildren, "8" Harold Lee, Madison Lee, Emily Thoroughman, Brody Thoroughman, Dawnisha Ruark, Shannon Ruark, Logan Arnett and Alexius Arnett.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Rufus "Mickie" Spence;

one infant brother, Leonard Douglas Spence; one great-grandchild, Katelyn Lee; and one son-in-law, Larry Ruark.

Services 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, at Barbour and Son Funeral Home with Bro. Jerry Blevins officiating. Burial in Mount Tabor Cemetery in Tollesboro.

Visitation 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at the funeral home.

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Local high school and college FFA students will be serving lunch at May's Lick Mill on Wednesday, Feb. 22, Jabetown Mill on Feb. 23, Fleming County Farm Supply on Feb. 24, and Frank Hinton & Son on Feb. 25. The doors open at 7:30 a.m., each day and lunch is served at 11 a.m.

The folks at Hinton Mills hope that you will stop by so they can show you their appreciation for your patronage for the past 94 years and help you prepare for a profitable spring.

Hinton Mills President, Bud Hinton, invites you to attend the event stating, "Our goal is to accommodate the needs of local farmers and homeowners by providing friendly knowledgeable service on the brands our grandpa would have trusted, at prices he would approve of."

# 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon held

Mason County 4-H livestock club members recently participated in the Kentucky 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon.

A skill-a-thon is a contest based on a wide base of livestock knowledge including all species. And within those species the youth had to know breeds, cuts of meat, parts of the body, equipment, quality assurance, meat judging, hay judging, feeds and feed rations, management situations.

Mason County teams were coached by Lori Johnson. Clover team members, ages 9-11, Kasey Johnson, Ethan Scott and Cody McCarty placed fourth in identification, fourth in quality assurance and fifth overall. Kasey placed individually sixth in I.D., 10th in quality assurance and 11th overall. There were 80 clover age members and 19 clover teams.

The intermediate team was made up of members ages 12 and 13 and they were Haley McCarty, Dylan Beckett and Brett Scott.

In I.D. Haley placed seventh and the team was third. Overall the intermediate team was fourth and Haley was 12th and Brett was 16th out of 53 individuals and nine teams.



4-H Skill-A-Thon winners were: front row, from left: Dylan Beckett, Cody McCarty, and Kasey Johnson; back row: Haley McCarty, Brett Scott and Ethan Scott.

Next the group will be preparing for the livestock judging contest in June. The 4-H livestock club meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Mason County Extension Office.

## For boomers, it's a new era of 'work til you drop'

JOHN ROGERS  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES | When Paula Symons joined the U.S. workforce in 1972, typewriters in her office clacked nonstop, people answered the telephones and the hot new technology revolutionizing communication was the fax machine.

Symons, fresh out of college, entered this brave new world thinking she'd do pretty much what her parents' generation did: Work for just one or two companies over about 45 years

before bidding farewell to co-workers at a retirement party and heading off into her sunset years with a pension.

Forty years into that run, the 60-year-old communications specialist for a Wisconsin-based insurance company has worked more than a half-dozen jobs. She's been laid off, downsized and seen the pension disappear with only a few thousand dollars accrued when it was frozen.

So, five years from the age when people once retired, she laughs when she

describes her future plans.

"I'll probably just work until I drop," she says, a sentiment expressed, with varying degrees of humor, by numerous members of her age group.

Like 78 million other U.S. Baby Boomers, Symons and her husband had the misfortune of approaching retirement age at a time when stock market crashes diminished their 401(k) nest eggs, companies began eliminating defined benefit pensions in record numbers and previously unimagined technical advances all but eliminated entire job descriptions from travel agent to telephone operator.

At the same time, companies began moving other jobs overseas, to be filled by people willing to work for far less and still able to connect to the U.S. market in real time.

"The paradigm has truly shifted. Now when you're looking for a job you're competing in a world where the competition isn't just the guy down the street, but the guy sitting in a cafe in Hong Kong or Mumbai," says Bill Vick, a Dallas-based executive recruiter who started BoomersNextStep.com in an effort to help Baby Boomers who want to stay in the workforce.

Not only has the paradigm shifted, but as it has the generation whose mantra used to be, "Don't trust anyone over 30," finds itself now being looked on with distrust by younger Generation X managers who question whether boomers have the high-tech skills or even the stamina to do what needs to be done.



JAE C. HONG, ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this Feb. 15 photo, Steve Wyard, 61, a regional sales director of All Valley Washer Service, looks for files in his office in the Van Nuys section of Los Angeles. Wyard and his wife have two sons, 19 and 21, to put through college, and they see that pushing back retirement for several years. Until then Wyard plans to keep working.

"I always have the feeling that I have to prove my value all the time. That I'm not some old relic who doesn't understand social media or can't learn some new technique," says Symons, who is active on Twitter, Facebook, loves every new time-saving software app that comes down the pike and laughs at the idea of ever sending another fax.

"Ahh, that's just so archaic," she says.

Meanwhile, as companies have downsized, boomers have been hurt to some degree by their own sheer numbers, says Ed Lawler of the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business.

The oldest ones, Lawler says, aren't retiring, and more and more the youngest members of the generation ahead of them aren't either. It's no longer uncommon, he says, for people to work until 70.

"People who would have normally been out of the

workforce are still there, taking jobs that would have gone to what we now call the unemployed," he said.

John Stewart of Springfield, Mo., sees himself becoming part of that new generation that never stops working.

"No, I don't see myself retiring," says Stewart, who is media director for a large church. "I think I would be bored if I just all of a sudden quit everything and did whatever it is retired people do."

Then there are the financial considerations. Like many boomers, the 60-year-old acknowledges he didn't put enough aside when he was younger.

For more than 30 years, Stewart ran his own photography business, doing everything from studio portraits to illustrating annual reports for hospitals and other large corporations to freelancing for national magazines and newspapers.

"There were times when the money was really rolling in," he says of his old business. "But somehow retirement wasn't really in the forefront of my thinking then, so saving for it wasn't an automatic thing."

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## MASON COUNTY 45, ST. PATRICK 37

# Lady Royals' late runs fuel victory over St. Patrick in 39th



TERRY PRATHER, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT  
St. Patrick's Allison Tolle, center, is fouled by Mason County's McKenzie Butler, right, as the Lady Royals' Elle Simms, left, looks on during Mason's 45-37 defeat of St. Patrick in the 39th District tournament Monday in Brooksville.

## BUTLER SCORES EIGHT STRAIGHT IN 4TH QUARTER

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BROOKSVILLE | The Mason County Lady Royals used a couple of late runs to pull away from St. Patrick on their way to a 45-37 win in the opening semifinal game of the 39th District girls basketball tournament in the Igloo on Monday evening.

The Lady Saints forged their largest lead of the game (25-19) on a driving basket from Allison Tolle early in the third quarter but Mason answered with a free throw from Alivia Bierley and a 3-pointer from the right corner by Cara Green to close the margin to two with 2:03 left in the third quarter.

After a driving basket on the lane from St. Patrick's Chelsea Douglas and a free throw from Kathleen Estill with just six seconds left in the frame put the Lady Saints in front 28-23,

the Lady Royals proceeded on a 13-3 run to take a 36-31 lead with 3:40 left in the game.

The spurt began with a putback bucket from Elle Simms at the buzzer at the end of the third and continued into the fourth quarter.

Simms scored early in the fourth to cut the deficit to one and followed with a 3-pointer out of the left corner with 5:53 left to give Mason the lead for good.

MacKenzie Butler, who scored 13 of her game-high 15 points in the final frame, drove for a basket with 5:02 left to give the Lady Royals a two-point advantage.

After a St. Patrick timeout, Douglas drove for an old-fashioned three-point play to get the Lady Saints within one but Mason responded with a free throw from Simms and a 3-pointer from Butler to cap off the run at the 3:40 mark.

Douglas drained a deep 3 with 2:48 left but the Lady Royals answered with eight unanswered points, all by Butler, to go up by 10 with just 46 seconds to play.

See **MASON GIRLS**, A9

## ROYALS' O'HEARN NATIONAL COACH OF YEAR FINALIST

Mason County boys basketball coach Chris O'Hearn was recently named a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association boys basketball coach of the year, according to a news release from the Kentucky High School Coaches Association.

O'Hearn is one of nine Kentucky coaches or athletic directors who were winners of their categories for Region 3 of eight regions nationally.

Under the eighth-year head coach, the Royals have won four 10th Region titles and one state crown, in 2007-2008.

The NHSACA's annual convention is July 21-25 in Fargo, N.D. — **LI**

## KENTUCKY STAYS NO. 1 IN AP TOP 25

Kentucky and Syracuse are 1-2 in The Associated Press Top 25 for a fourth straight week.

The Wildcats, who have been No. 1 for five consecutive weeks and seven overall, were again a runaway choice Monday with 63 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel. Syracuse, which spent six weeks at No. 1, got the other first-place votes.

Missouri, Kansas and Duke stayed third through fifth and are followed by Michigan State, North Carolina, Ohio State, Georgetown and Marquette. Murray State is 14th and Louisville ranks 17th.

No. 18 New Mexico, winners of seven straight, and No. 22 Temple, which has won 10 in a row, are in the rankings for the first time this season. They replace West Coast Conference members Saint Mary's and Gonzaga. — **AP**

## SOURCE: RAMIREZ CLOSE TO SIGNING WITH A'S

PHOENIX | A person with knowledge of the negotiations says slugger Manny Ramirez is close to signing a contract with the Oakland Athletics that would be worth approximately \$500,000.

ESPN first reported the sides had reached agreement Monday, speaking directly to the slugger. A person confirmed the sides were closing in on a contract, speaking on condition of anonymity because Ramirez still must take a physical and likely another drug test.

The A's made public their interest in Ramirez, who must first serve a 50-game suspension for his second positive drug test before he can play for Oakland. Barring rainouts, his first game could be May 30 — on his 40th birthday.

Ramirez was expected to sign a minor league deal, which would keep him off the 40-man roster. — **AP**

## RONDO SUSPENDED 2 GAMES FOR THROWING BALL AT REF

NEW YORK | Boston Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo has been suspended two games without pay by the NBA for throwing a ball at an official during a game.

Stu Jackson, the NBA's executive vice president for basketball operations, announced the suspension Monday, one day after Rondo received two technical fouls and was ejected late in the third quarter of Boston's 96-81 loss at the Detroit Pistons.

Rondo was upset that a foul wasn't called with about 3:00 left in the quarter and tossed the ball at referee Sean Wright. He followed that with a verbal barrage directed at Wright and was ejected from a game for the first time in his professional career.

Rondo will miss Monday night's game at Dallas and Wednesday's matchup with Oklahoma City. — **AP**

## IN 63RD DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

# Lewis girls advance, boys lose to end season

JAYME PRICE  
For The Ledger Independent

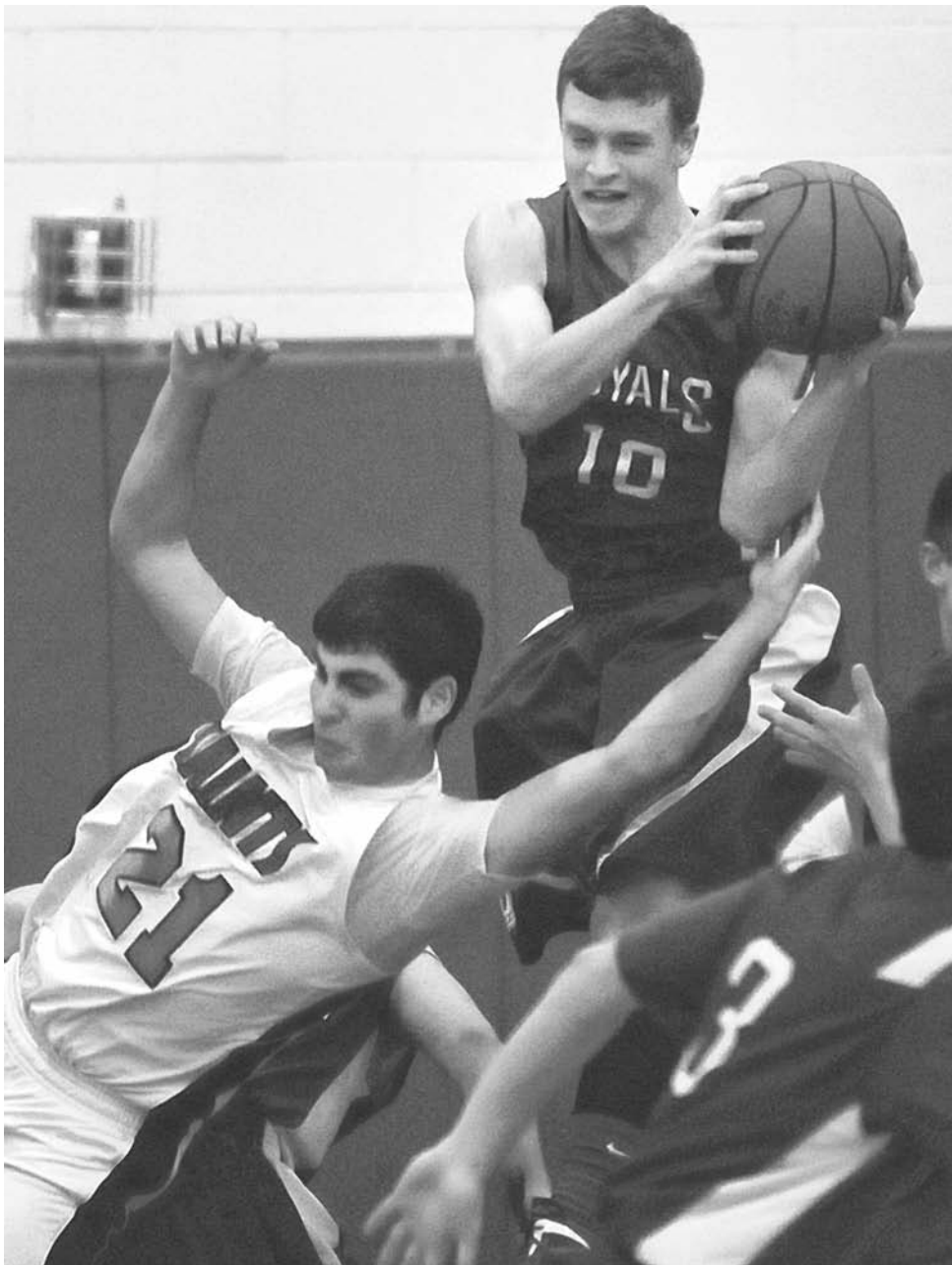
GREENUP | Lewis County opened play in the 63rd District boys and girls tournaments Monday night with a win from the Lady Lions to advance to the district final and 16th Region tournament, and a season-ending loss from the boys.

## GIRLS: LEWIS COUNTY 69, GREENUP COUNTY 42

One down, one to go. With a commanding 69-42 win over Greenup County to open the girls' 63rd District tournament Monday, Lewis County earned a chance to play for its first district title and also set the single-season record for wins with its 18th.

See **LEWIS**, A8

## MASON COUNTY 83, ST. PATRICK 60



TERRY PRATHER, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT  
Mason County's Tanner Walton (10) goes high for a rebound over St. Patrick's Chase Ralston (21) during the Royals' 83-60 victory against the Saints in the 39th District tournament semifinals Monday in Brooksville.

# Royals' fast start leads to win over Saints

## BLACK, JOHNSON, HAMM IN DOUBLE FIGURES FOR MASON

MELINDA CHARLES  
For The Ledger Independent

BROOKSVILLE | It didn't take long for Mason County to show why it's the perennial favorite in the 39th District boys' basketball tournament.

The Royals started off fast and built an early lead to propel past St. Patrick 83-60 in semifinal action Monday night at the Igloo.

The win advanced Mason to Thursday's championship game and punched the Royals' ticket to the 10th Region tournament.

The Royals scored off the first possession and never relinquished the lead, but St.

Patrick kept things close early. The Saints trailed by just two late in the first quarter but Mason County put together an 8-0 run to close out the frame, leading 23-12.

"In an elimination game, to come out and shoot well early is a huge confidence booster, especially when you're the favorite," said Mason County coach Chris O'Hearn.

The Royals out-shot St. Patrick all night, shooting 55 percent for the evening, compared to the Saints' 36 percent.

"We tried to make them beat us with mid-range shots and they did," said St. Patrick coach Andy Arn.

The Royals were 33-of-60 from the field, including 2-of-14 from behind the arc.

Mason County continued to build its lead throughout the remainder of the game but St. Patrick didn't go quietly.

See **MASON BOYS**, A8

## FLEMING CO. 57, MENIFEE CO. 45

# Late rally pushes Lady Panthers past Meniffee

BRAD LAUX  
For The Ledger Independent

OWINGSVILLE | It is the postseason. It is the time of year when the phrase "survive and advance" becomes relevant.

Those who expected Monday night's 61st District tournament semifinals to be a cakewalk for the overwhelming favorites Rowan County and Fleming County would be in store for a shock.

The Lady Vikings staved off a strong Bath County first half and eventually pulled away to a 58-41 victory in the opener.

See **FLEMING**, A9



# LEWIS

FROM A7

The Lady Lions (18-11) were able to overcome a lackluster start, having fallen behind 7-0 during the first four minutes of the game. The responded by outscoring Greenup County (10-20) 15-2 over the remainder of the first quarter and into the second, and stayed well ahead from there to get the victory.

“We showed a lot of nerves early,” Lewis County coach Jay Fite said. “We didn’t shoot it well and were a little loose with the ball. We didn’t really turn it over but were just loose with it. But after we got a shot to go down it seemed to open the gates on our confidence.”

Savannah Anderson led the way early for the Lady Lions, scoring 12 of her game-high 18 points in the first half alone. She also had seven rebounds in the half on her way to a double-double, finishing with 10.

“She’s such a great presence inside and we’re very fortunate to have that,” Fite said of the freshman center. “She’s learning to move much better without the basketball. When she’s mobile, she’s hard to handle.”

Emily Frye got the scoring started for Lewis County and scored six points in the first quarter, all coming from hard drives to the basket.

“We’ve been using the phrase ‘attack mode’ with Emily since Christmas break,” Fite said. “There were times when she wouldn’t take that initiate to take over. But we knew she was capable of it even though she’s a freshman. I

think she’s also leading the region with seven assists a game.”

After enjoying a 34-17 lead at halftime, the Lady Lions jettied to their biggest lead of the game at 26 points by outscoring Greenup County 11-2 in less than four minutes. Frye capped the run with back-to-back drives, the second of which came off a steal. After that, however, Anderson picked up her third foul and an offensive dry spell ensued. Greenup County scored five unanswered but was still way behind and struggled itself to knock down shots while the Lady Lions committed five turnovers.

“We had a good lead and a couple of girls had three fouls so we thought it would be a good time to get some other girls in the game,” Fite said. “We didn’t do a good job of rebounding and a lot of times the girls get used to (Anderson) being there to rebound. When she’s out we just have to understand it’s a gang-rebound thing.”

The Lady Lions placed four players in double figures as Anderson was joined by 13 from Emily Frye and 11 each from Tori Liles and Taylor Frye.

With the win, Lewis County was able to avenge losing to the Lady Musketeers by one point in last year’s final. The Lady Lions will face the winner of Raceland and Russell in Thursday’s championship game.

“This was such a pressure game and does give us a sigh of relief to know we’ll be in the region either way,” Fite said. “But our girls are not content with that and they want to finally put that banner in our gym. We know it’s going to be a fight no matter who we play.”

BOYS: RUSSELL 86, LEWIS COUNTY 53

For the first half there could have been an upset in the making. In the second half, Russell just appeared to be upset.

A hot start from behind the arc had Lewis County within just two points of the top-seeded Red Devils at halftime but in the second half Kyle Skaggs and Russell took control and rolled to an 86-53 win to open the 63rd District tournament.

“Really, I think what happened was the better team woke up at halftime,” Lions coach Joe Hampton said. “Russell looked like they just put their foot down and said they weren’t going to stand for any more. The veteran team just took it to the younger team.”

Lewis County (6-23) got 3s from Sammy Holder, who hit two, and Brett Ruckel in the first quarter and led 12-10 going into the second.

Caleb Pruitt quickly added the team’s fourth, followed by another from Wade Adams to help the Lions enjoy a six-point lead at 18-12.

“We hit shots in the first half, we just didn’t in the second half,” Hampton said. “(Russell) woke up out of their slumber and our kids didn’t have an answer for it.”

Russell (18-12) rallied and took a 26-24 lead into the break. Of the Lions’ nine field goals in the half, five were 3-pointers. Russell, meanwhile, had just one.

With 6:45 left in the third, Lewis County got as close as it would again at 30-28 when Jarrett Parker scored inside.

From there, Skaggs took over, scoring 16 of his game-high 26 points during the third quarter and the Lions were outscored 29-10 in the frame.

The Red Devils got 21 points from Luke Bailey

and outrebounded the Lions 36-18 for the game, often benefitting from second- and third-chance scoring opportunities offensively, and defensively pulling down rebounds and going coast-to-coast.

Ruckel led Lewis County with 13 points, followed closely by 12 from Adams and Holder.

“I told (Holder) he could be an X-factor tonight and he was,” Hampton said. “He kept us in the game in the first half and played great, but in the second half everybody disappeared.”

While the loss ends the Lions season, Hampton agreed his team progressed during the course of the season as he expected to and was playing at its best the end of the year. With just one senior, Jarrett Parker, lost to graduation, the bulk of this year’s scorers will be back.

“Last week we were starting to figure it out and were playing much better,” Hampton said. “It continued on to the first half tonight but then we just ran in to a team that was too physical for us to handle.”

GIRLS: LEWIS COUNTY 69, GREENUP COUNTY 42

Greenup County 9 8 15 10 — 42

Lewis County 16 18 16 19 — 69

GC: Campbell 7, Young 4, Steele 4,

Moore 6, Gillum 4, Webb 6, Lacey 2,

Pope 2. Total: 42.

LC: Roberson 2, Liles 11, Anderson 18,

T. Frye 11, E. Frye 13, Thompson 6, Fite

5, Walker 3. Total: 69.

3-pointers: Greenup County 2 (Moore,

Gillum); Lewis County 4 (T. Frye,

Thompson, Fite, Walker.

Records: Greenup County 10-20, Lewis

County 18-11.

BOYS: RUSSELL 86, LEWIS COUNTY 53

Lewis County 12 12 10 19 — 53

Russell 10 16 29 31 — 86

LC: Adams 12, Ruckel 13, Holder 12,

Jar. Parker 4, Pruitt 3, Jak. Parker 9.

Total: 53.

R: Dehoff 4, Bailey 21, Porter 10, Parsley

11, Skaggs 26, Hayes 6, Pennington 2,

Lane 2, Smith 2, Jones 2. Total: 86.

3-pointers: Lewis County 8 (Adams 3,

Holder 2, Ruckel, Pruitt, Jak. Parker);

Russell 3 (Porter 2, Skaggs).

Records: Lewis County 6-23, Russell

18-12.

Arn said. “We’ve got to play with our heads a little bit better.”

Ryan Gallenstein led the Saints’ efforts with 21 points. Cory Jodrey netted 19 as the Saints finished the season 15-13.

“I thought St. Patrick played very well,” O’Hearn said. “They had a good game plan and handled our press well.”

The Royals were led by Tyler Black’s 24 points and 11 boards. Shawn Johnson and Cody Hamm added 20 and 15 respectively.

“Our big three — Tyler, Shawn and Steven (Chambers) — combined for 52 points and 24 rebounds and we’ve got to have a great effort from all three of those guys,” O’Hearn said. “Cody Hamm was good defensively tonight and got some steals that really helped put the game out of reach.”

The Royals advance to meet the winner of Tuesday night’s semifinal matchup between Augusta and Bracken County.

Mason County 23 14 21 25 — 83

St. Patrick 12 12 10 26 — 60

MC: Black 24, Johnson 20, Hamm 15,

Chambers 8, Walton 7, Greenhill 3,

Henry 2, Stahl 2, Harrison 2.

SP: R. Gallenstein 21, Jodrey 19, Slack

10, Keating 7, Griffin 3.

3-pointers: Mason 2 (Walton,

Black). St. Patrick 8 (Keating 2, Jo-

drey 2, R. Gallenstein 2, Griffin, Slack).

Records: Mason 15-13, St. Patrick

15-13.

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<b>BOYS’ BASKETBALL</b> Augusta at Bracken County, 8 p.m., 39th District tournament Fleming County vs. Menifee County, 8 p.m., 61st District tournament at Bath County Deming at Nicholas County, 8:15 p.m., 38th District tournament	West Union vs. Lynchburg-Clay, 8 p.m., sectional tournament at Waverly <b>GIRLS’ BASKETBALL</b> Augusta at Bracken County, 6:30 p.m., 39th District tournament Deming at Nicholas County, 6:30 p.m., 38th District tournament <b>Times subject to change</b>

## SPORTS ON TV

TUESDAY, FEB. 21	
<b>MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b> <b>7 P.M.</b> ESPN — Illinois at Ohio St. ESPN2 — Kansas St. at Missouri <b>9 P.M.</b> ESPN — Kentucky at Mississippi St.	<b>NHL HOCKEY</b> <b>8 P.M.</b> NBCSN — Detroit at Chicago <b>SOCCER</b> <b>8 P.M.</b> FSN — UEFA Champions League, Chelsea at Napoli (same-day tape)

## AP KY. PREP BASKETBALL POLLS

	BOYS			
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Trinity	(10)	26-3	109	1
2. Madison Central	(1)	28-1	96	2
3. Lou. Moore	-	25-4	75	6
4. Scott Co.	-	26-4	72	5
5. Lou. Ballard	-	22-7	64	3
6. Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park	-	22-6	45	4
7. Perry Co. Central	-	23-4	43	9
8. Bullitt East	-	22-4	42	7
9. Ohio Co.	-	28-2	16	10
10. George Rogers Clark	-	25-5	6	
10. Cov. Holy Cross	-	28-2	6	
Others receiving votes: Hopkinsville 5, East Jessamine 5, Lex. Henry Clay 5, Harlan County 5, Dixie Heights 3, Knott Co. Central 3, Knox Central 2, Bell Co. 2, Marshall Co. 1.				
	GIRLS			
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. DuPont Manual	(10)	28-2	109	1
2. Marion Co.	(1)	26-4	89	2
3. Boone Co.	-	26-2	75	4
4. Perry Co. Central	-	25-2	71	5
5. Lou. Mercy	-	23-5	67	3
6. Ryle	-	24-5	50	7
7. Notre Dame	-	21-5	28	6
8. Clay Co.	-	25-5	27	9
9. Elizabethtown	-	22-5	13	10
10. Henderson Co.	-	23-3	12	8
Others receiving votes: Adair Co. 10, Madison Central 10, Lou. Male 9, Walton-Verona 9, Anderson Co. 7, Whitley Co. 5, Harlan County 4, South Oldham 3, Lex. Paul Dunbar 3, Lou. Sacred Heart 1, Hopkinsville 1, Grayson Co. 1, Harlan 1.				

## THIS DAY IN SPORTS

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1931 — The Chicago White Sox meet the New York Giants in the first major league night game. The 10-inning exhibition is played in Houston.  
1952 — The Boston Celtics and the Fort Wayne Pistons tip off at midnight in a “Milkman’s Special” following an Ice Follies performance at Boston Garden. Bob Cousy of the Celtics scores 24 points in front 2,368 customers in a 88-67 win.  
1953 — In the longest game in college basketball in history, Niagara beats Siena, 88-81 in six overtimes.  
1960 — Philadelphia Warriors rookie Wilt Chamberlain sets an NBA record with his fourth 50-point game of the season, scoring 58 in a 129-122 victory over the New York Knicks.  
1970 — Bobby Hull scores two goals, including the 500th of his career, in the Chicago Black Hawks’ 4-2 win over the New York Rangers.  
1970 — Pete Maravich scores 64 points, but Louisiana State still loses to Kentucky, 121-105. Dan Issel scores 51 for the Wildcats.  
1976 — New York’s Red Holzman becomes the second NBA coach, after Red Auerbach, to win 500 games with a 102-98 victory over New Orleans.  
1992 — Kristi Yamaguchi wins America’s first Olympic gold medal in women’s figure skating since 1976. Midori Ito of Japan takes the silver and Nancy Kerrigan of the United States wins bronze.  
1993 — The West defeats the East 135-132 in overtime in the NBA All-Star Game in Salt Lake City. Utah’s John Stockton (15 assists) and Karl Malone (28 points) become the first players from the same NBA team to ever share the All-Star Game MVP award.  
2002 — U.S. figure skater Sarah Hughes jumps from fourth to first to win the Olympic gold after a near-flawless performance, leaving teammate Michelle Kwan to settle for a bronze. The powerful Americans lose a 3-2 gold medal game to a Canadian team that it had beaten eight consecutive times in women’s ice hockey.  
2003 — Michael Jordan becomes the first 40-year-old in NBA history to score 40 or more points, getting 43 in the Washington Wizards’ 89-86 win over the New Jersey Nets.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

**BASEBALL**  
Maysville Knothole is seeking managers for the 2012 season. For more information, call Larry W. Dunaway at 606-584-7605.  
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The Lewis County Hoops Mania Tournament for boys in grades 3-6 will be held on Feb. 25-26 in the middle school and high school gyms. Entry fee is \$100 per team. For more information, call Todd Ruckel at 606-202-1406 or Joe Hampton at 606-776-7980.  
The third annual Roundball Classic is March 10-11 at Lewis County High School, Lewis County Middle School and Central Elementary gyms and is sponsored by the LCHS football program. The entry fee is \$100. For more information, call John Holder at 606-796-2531 or 606-202-3009, or Harlan “Bub” Lee at 606-798-6006 or 606-301-1048.  
**RUNNING**  
The Lewis County High School baseball team is hosting “The Roaring Lion” 5K walk/run March 10 in Vanceburg at 11 a.m. Registration is \$20, which includes a T-shirt. Day-of-race registration is at Trace Creek Construction beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call Keith Prater at 606-796-2823 or email keith.prater@lewis.kyschools.us or call Kenny Ruckel at 606-541-6244 or email kdruckel@gmail.com.  
**SOCCER**  
Itty Bitty Indoor Soccer for kids ages 3-6 is coming to the Limestone Family YMCA beginning Feb. 22. Games are Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$30 for YMCA members and \$40 for non-members. For more information, call Harry Lewis at 606-564-6772.

## BIG TEN SEEMS TO BE SET UP FOR A FANTASTIC FINISH

EAST LANSING, Mich. | Michigan State has surged to the top of the Big Ten standings, winning five straight, including a game at Ohio State, to snatch sole possession of first place.

Tom Izzo isn’t ready to celebrate. “Not even a little bit,” Izzo said Monday. The sixth-ranked Spartans aren’t comfortable with only a one-game lead over the eighth-ranked Buckeyes and No. 11 Michigan with four games left in the regular season, poten-

tially setting up a fantastic finish in the conference race.

“To be in first place means nothing at this point in the season,” Michigan State’s do-it-all forward Draymond Green said.

No. 16 Wisconsin is just two games behind Michigan State and 23rd-ranked Indiana is lurking close enough to have a chance to rally for at least a piece of the Big Ten title if the Spartans have a setback. - AP

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Mason County's freshman girls' team won the 39th District freshman tournament and finished runners-up to Montgomery County in the 10th Region freshman tourney Feb. 12, finishing 13-7 on the season. Back row, left to right: Alex Berry, Taylor Miller, Danasia Turner, Jasta Burrows, Taylor Highfield and coach Dean Thompson. Front row, left to right: Mercedes Gilbert, Hannah Shields, Lanessa Hampton, Cristen Moran and Brittany Love.

## MASON GIRLS

FROM A7

Butler drove for a layup with 2:23 left and missed the free throw after she was fouled but she redeemed herself at the stripe by knocking down six consecutive free throws to give Mason a 44-34 lead.

"We got down five or six points and we could've folded and I'm proud of how hard the girls battled in the fourth quarter," said Mason County coach Piper Lindsey after the Lady Royals outscored St. Patrick 20-9 in the final frame. "We were sluggish in the first three quarters but I told the girls to just keep on playing and it would come to us. We kept our composure and got our confidence back up and didn't hold back. McKenzie took over and did exactly what my point guard needed to do. She was also extremely smart with the basketball tonight and made good decisions."

The Lady Saints lost three starters — Likins, McKay and Hannah Ring — to fouls in the fourth quarter. Likins, who scored 10 points in less than 20 minutes of playing time, left with 3:56 remaining and McKay was whistled for her fifth foul at the 2:59 mark. McKay scored nine points and grabbed seven rebounds in her final game as a Lady Saint.

Douglas led St. Patrick with 12 points and also pulled down seven re-

bounds in her last game for St. Patrick and fellow senior Allison Tolle chipped in with five points and five boards.

Bierley produced a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Green pitched in with eight points and six boards and Simms came off the bench to add eight points and nine rebounds for the Lady Royals.

St. Patrick coach Elaine Douglas credited the Lady Royals and also spoke about her seniors.

"Mason County executed well down the stretch and Bierley did a good job for them on the boards. Once she gets it, she takes it right back up," Douglas said. "It's been a good ride for our seniors, they've accomplished a lot since they've been here and I'm sorry they couldn't get to the finals. Allison McKay and McKayla kept us in the game early but we didn't control tempo and didn't play aggressive. We were too hesitant and didn't play our game and then we had to go to the bench early because of foul trouble."

The Lady Saints finish the season with a 16-14 record and Mason County (8-21) advances to play the winner of tonight's Augusta-Bracken County semifinal on Thursday evening in the title game.

**Mason County 8 9 8 20 -- 45**  
**St. Patrick 11 10 7 9 -- 38**  
**MC:** Bierley 12, Moran 2, Green 8, Butler 15, Cropper 0, Simms 8, Stutler 0, Hamm 0, Berry 0, Total 45.  
**SP:** A. McKay 9, Likins 10, Douglas 12, Tolle 5, Ring 0, Estill 1, V. McKay 0, Total 37.  
**3-pointers:** MC 3 (Butler, Green, Simms), SP 2 (Douglas, McKay).  
**Records:** Mason County 8-21, St. Patrick 16-14.

# Speedweeks opens strong for NASCAR at Daytona

JENNA FRYER  
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. | Kyle Busch twice appeared destined to destroy his race car, and twice used breathtaking saves to keep on running around Daytona International Speedway.

He probably shouldn't have been in position to race with the leaders. Yet there he was, bearing down on the finish line with a shot at winning Saturday night's exhibition Budweiser Shootout, and with a slingshot pass on

the outside of defending NASCAR champion Tony Stewart, Busch pulled off a miraculous win in the first event of 2012.

Not too shabby of a start to the season.

NASCAR has every right to be giddy about Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500, a pivotal race in sparking interest at the start of a very long season. A rain-shortened event in 2009 set the tone for a rocky year, and two lengthy delays to fix a pesky pothole in the track surface impacted the 2010 season.

Then came Trevor Bayne's upset victory last year, and NASCAR never looked back. The 2011 season ranked among the best in years, and ended with a phenomenal race between Stewart and Carl Edwards for the Sprint Cup championship. The two ended the season tied in the standings, with the title going to Stewart on a tiebreaker.

All that momentum meant NASCAR could tweak very little during the offseason. Why mess with a good thing, right?

Well, not everything was

sunshine and roses.

NASCAR officials said earlier this month that more than 80 percent of fans polled "hated" the two-car tandem style of racing that had taken over at Daytona and Talladega. Such a strong opinion forced NASCAR to spend a significant chunk of the offseason tinkering with the rules package in an effort to recreate pack racing before the Feb. 26 opener.

The Shootout proved NASCAR made the right moves, and the drivers seemed overwhelmingly in favor of the racing.

## FLEMING

FROM A7

Then the Lady Panthers battled Menifee County for three quarters before gradually outlasting the Lady Cats for a 57-45 win.

The results secured a rematch for Thursday's district finals between the two teams that have played for the title in each of the last four years and six times in the seven seasons since Fleming County joined the 61st District.

Despite the significant difference in the two teams' records, Menifee County has played the Lady Panthers close in four of the last five meetings, including last Monday in Frenchburg.

"I have spent every bit of my time and energy thinking about how to beat them since we played at their place last Monday (in a 64-56 Lady Panther win). It's do-or-die now and I have six seniors who I was worried about might possibly be playing in their last game," Fleming County coach Kristy Orem said. "(Menifee County coach Paul Ricker) does a great job and he put them in a position to be successful (tonight) and that's because of good coaching."

Menifee County led for the game's first 21 minutes and 15 seconds until Morgan Jett scored a layup off a Robbie Alex pass, was fouled and sank the free throw, to put the Lady Panthers in front 36-35 with 2:45 to play in the third

quarter.

The margin remained within one possession for the next three minutes until Fleming County started forcing turnovers and getting second-chance points off offensive rebounds.

"I was not as concerned (about Menifee County hanging around) as I was the last time we played them," said Tierra Taylor, whose 12 first-half points kept the Lady Panthers from getting blown out early. "But, when Paige (War-

ren) got that steal and went in to score (with 2:45 to play cutting the margin to 47-45) I was concerned."

Menifee County called a time out trailing 47-45 with 2:16 to play, but from that point forward the Lady Cats were unable to get back on the board. Alex had a pair of steals and drove in to score, the second time capping it off with a free throw, to give the Lady Panthers a 55-45 advantage. Fleming County made 6-of-9 foul shots in the final 50 seconds to ce-

ment the victory.

Fleming County will meet Rowan County in the championship game on Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Bath County High School.

**Menifee County 16 16 6 7 -- 45**  
**Fleming County 10 15 15 17 -- 57**  
**MC:** Warren 8, Woodard 11, Lane 1, Walker 18, Maynard 4, Dotson 3, Smith 0, Total 45.  
**FC:** M. Boyd 9, Edmond 0, Alex 14, Johnson 6, Jett 9, Taylor 17, Robinson 2, James 0, R. Boyd 0, Miller 0, Total 57.  
**3-pointers:** Menifee County 1 (Dotson), Fleming County 6 (Taylor 3, Alex 2, M. Boyd).  
**Records:** MC 12-17, FC 25-5.

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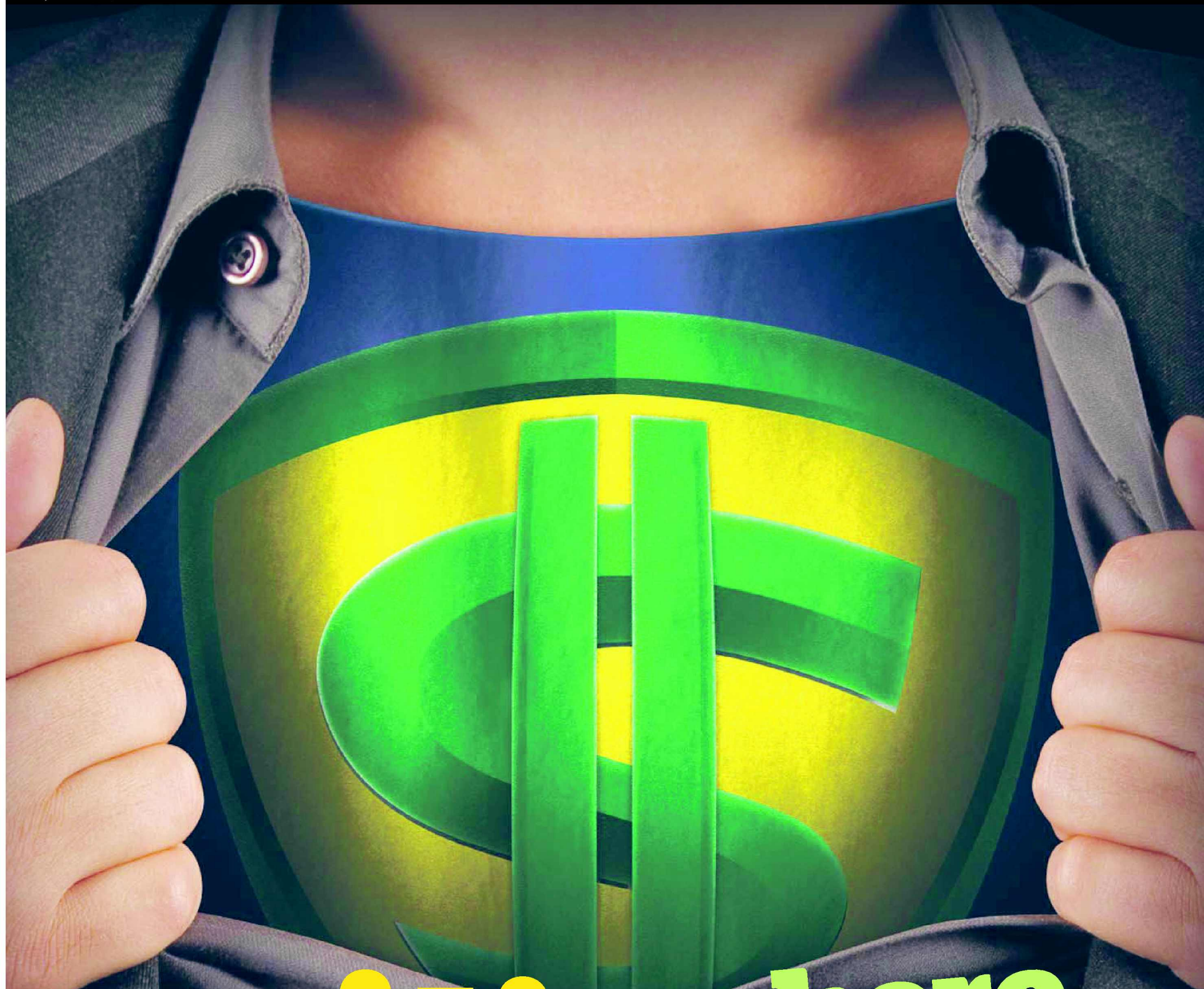
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# Every February Yosemite waterfall turns to lava

TRACIE CONE  
Associated Press

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. | A window of time just opened in Yosemite National Park when nature photographers wait, as if for an eclipse, until the moment when the sun and earth align to create a fleeting phenomenon.

This marvel of celestial configuration happens in a flash at sunset in mid-February — if the winter weather cooperates. On those days the setting sun illuminates one of the park's lesser-known waterfalls so precisely that it resembles molten lava as it flows over the sheer granite face of the imposing El Capitan.

Every year growing numbers of photographers converge on the park, their necks craned toward the ephemeral Horsetail Fall, hoping the sky will be clear so they can duplicate the spectacle first recorded in color in 1973 by the late renowned outdoors photographer Galen Rowell.

"Horsetail is so uniquely situated that I don't know of any other waterfall on earth that gets that kind of light," said Michael Frye, who wrote the book "The Photographer's Guide to Yosemite."

"How many are perched on a high open cliff? Most are in an alcove or canyon and won't get the sun setting behind it. Yosemite's special geography makes this fall distinctive," he said.

Four decades ago, photographers had only to point and shoot to capture another famous Yosemite firefall — a man-made cascade of embers pushed from a bonfire on summer nights from Glacier Point.

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BETHANY GEDIMAN, ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this February 2008 photo provided by Scott Gediman of the Yosemite National Park Service, the setting sun hits Horsetail Fall at just the right angle to light it up as if it's on fire, in Yosemite Calif. This natural phenomena occurs for just two weeks in February and is reminiscent of the old firefall of burning embers that park employees pushed over Glacier Point to entertain guests until 1968.

## HIXSON'S HOARDINGS

### Tidbits, gleanings, and gossip from your Kentucky Gateway Museum Center

This writer has been out of town for two weeks in Tucson, Arizona therefore no Hixson's Hoardings! While in Tucson we read about the Arizona state centennial being celebrated this year beginning the first week-end in February and extending through the year.

Arizona became the 48th state in the union on 14 February 1912! Sometimes called the Valentine State because of the statehood date, it is also known as the Grand Canyon state. Arizona has had Kentucky connections from its earliest days as a territory. We found one related to its statehood and to our area of Kentucky. Marcus Aurelius Smith, described this way in the Tucson Daily Arizona Star as, "a prosecutor from Tombstone, was one of Arizona's first two senators. The Kentucky native was an eight-term delegate

to the territorial Legislature, where he gained a reputation as a forceful speaker. A Democrat, he represented Arizona in Congress from 1912 until he lost his 1920 re-election campaign."

Further research turned up this interesting information from the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress. "Born near Cynthiana, Harrison County, Ky., January 24, 1851; attended the common schools; taught school in Bourbon County, Ky.; graduated from Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., in 1872 and from the law department of the University of Kentucky at Lexington; admitted to the bar and practiced; prosecuting attorney for the city of Lexington; moved to San Francisco and

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## HOUSEWORKS

### 'Tis the season to be grumpy

STEVE BATIE

I have endured near-constant teasing over the years — from people who wear "Think Snow" buttons and who ever so merrily sing "White Christmas" in October — for my intense hatred of winter.

Why, oh why, they ask, do you so dislike this glorious, wondrous time of year?

Well, the past couple of weeks' weather has reminded me of why, so here, with apologies to David Letterman, are my Top 10 reasons:

10. It's cold!  
Ah, you thought that would be No. 1, didn't you? No, despite the fact that I'm not even comfortable until it's a balmy 85 degrees (which gives me about three de-



STEVE BATIE

cent months of the whole year), the cold is the least of my complaints.

I always can put on more clothes. Or stay inside. Or drink cocoa. Or scotch.

9. You have to wear heavy, cumbersome clothes.

Autumn and spring aren't so bad. I actually like sweatshirts and jackets and boots, and there's nothing like curling up under a wooly blanket.

But that's it. I don't want to have to wear anything heavier. No down coats, no galoshes, no scarves, no stocking caps.

I'm fine with the caps I have.

8. You have to watch every single step you take — or wind up with a bruised backside.

People should be able to hold their heads up and walk proudly, darn it! I haven't taken my eyes off the ground in two weeks, and I still slide a little every day there's ice on the ground — and there have been too many of those days.

7. Nothing is green!

And I don't want to hear about Christmas trees. They're gone, and the only way to see plantlife this time of year is to hang around greenhouses.

It's not a bad option, but the nursery staff looks at you funny.

And they won't let you play in their dirt.

6. Everything is white — or gray.

See above.

I yearn for yellows and reds and deep blues — on flowers, thank you.

5. Cars don't start.

And even if they do, you can't go anywhere because there are two inches of ice on the street out front and you live on a hill and, besides, what you really wanted to do was drive your pickup and pickups don't get along with ice any better than mobile homes do with tornadoes.

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## HOW YOU SEE IT

### STOP OR GO

If you are going down Fourth Street and get to Limestone Street, people on Fourth Street do not have to stop. It is not a four way stop. Just those coming up or down Limestone have to stop. I almost saw a wreck there this morning when someone stopped on Fourth.

### TAKING CONTROL

In reference to the legislative committee that is working on a bill to control over-the-counter meds for colds and allergies is raising a bit of opposition. However, I understand they need to make these items not so available to the drug abusers who are using much of it to make methamphetamine products. If this is what it takes, they should pass this as the law.

### SILENCE IS GOLDEN

This is about the law suit in Augusta. Sometimes it is better to keep your mouth shut.

### PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Mason County High School had a great program at their game this weekend. Many old and new young teams were recognized. It was good to see some of the “oldies” back in town and the future players for Mason County.

### SPRING CLEAN-UP

As warmer weather will soon be here, I think it would be good for the city and county to have some sort of incentive for people to clean up their property of old cars, tires and trash. We are a wealthy county and some parts of it look like the poorest. Clean up, put on a fresh coat of paint and keep your lawns mowed and trimmed.

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## HOW THEY SEE IT

### THE (TOLEDO) BLADE, ON THE U.S. MILITARY’S SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND’S DESIRE TO BRANCH OUT

The federal government is under pressure to be more efficient at budgeting and planning. Yet the head of the U.S. military’s Special Operations Command wants an expansion of both his unit’s independence and its scope of activities.

Americans greatly admire SOCOM’s operations, especially its elimination of al-Qaeda head Osama bin Laden in Pakistan last May and its hostage rescue in Somalia in January. ...

To carry out a mission, SOCOM must have the approval of the regional commander and, for overseas operations, the State Department and sometimes the president.

Adm. William McRaven, who leads SOCOM, wants more autonomy for the command’s operations. He also wants to extend SOCOM’s mission to training, liaison with foreign governments, and intelligence collection.

SOCOM has 66,000 employees, double the number it had before 9/11. Its budget is \$10.5 billion, 2½ times its size in 2001.

SOCOM argues the changes it seeks would lead to greater efficiency and less bulky decision-making. But the bin Laden case is a perfect example of why it must not be allowed to operate outside the normal chain of command.

There was good reason not to trust Pakistani leaders and draw them into the decision-making process. But their fury at the operation and the importance of U.S.-Pakistan relations argue against authorizing SOCOM to operate independently of the regional military chain of command and political guidance.

Washington says no decision has been made about SOCOM’s desire to branch out. However important the unit, the answer should be a clear “no.”

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE

**I see a violation of civil rights here. Nobody wants to be on the list of the FBI or the NYPD or whatever. Muslim students want to have their own lives, their own privacy and enjoy the same freedoms and opportunities that everybody else has.”** — Tanweer Haq, chaplain of the Muslim Student Association at Syracuse, on the New York Police Department monitoring Muslim college students.

**I’ve repeatedly said I don’t question the president’s faith. I’ve repeatedly said that I believe the president’s Christian ... I am talking about his world view, and the way he approaches problems in this country. I think they’re different than how most people do in America.”** — GOP presidential candidate Rick Santorum explaining to CBS’ “Face the Nation” his comment that President Barack Obama’s world view “elevates the Earth above man.”

## POLITICAL COMMENTARY

# America in ‘decline’ denial



CLARENCE PAGE



Two new reports on educational achievement gaps reveal a surprising good news/bad news story: The gap between black and white students mercifully has shrunk, but the gap between rich and poor has dangerously grown.

Is America in decline? No way, says President Obama, proudly speaking of our standing overseas. But some grim new reports on our educational gaps remind us that decline is like charity — it begins at home.

Two new reports on educational achievement gaps reveal a surprising good news/bad news story: The gap between black and white students mercifully has shrunk, but the gap between rich and poor has dangerously grown.

The test score gap between the richest 10 percent and poorest 10 percent of students has grown by about 40 percent since the 1960s, according to a study by Stanford University sociologist Sean F. Reardon. That’s twice the testing gap between blacks and whites, which shrunk significantly in all income levels, he said.

A separate study by University of Michigan researchers found the gap between students from rich and poor families in college completion also grew by about 50 percent since the late 1980s.

No wonder there’s so much apocalyptic talk these days about the nation’s future. We are emerging, thanks to the hard-won victories of the civil rights movement, out of an old order in which race was almost all you needed to know to forecast how well a young American was going to do in life. But we’re beginning to slip below some European countries into a new caste system defined by family income.

For example, out of 55 countries in an Urban Institute study of countries that succeed in improving academic achievement of low-income children, the U.S. ranked 36th, according to the Education Trust, a nonprofit that focuses on closing the gap.

“The black-white achievement gap is a terrible travesty in this country,” Amy Wilkins, an Education Trust vice president told NPR’s “Talk of the Nation” after the latest university studies were released. But now, she said, “We have to pay as much attention to the income gap as we have to the race gap.”

President Obama predictably accentuates the positive about our stature in the world. “America is back,” he said in his State of the Union address. “Anyone who tells you that America is in decline or that our influence has waned, doesn’t

know what they’re talking about.” But at a time when polls are finding a majority of Americans think our nation is in decline and that the next generation will be worse off than this one, it is not just our diplomatic influence that might be slipping.

The president, according to news reports, has read neoconservative historian Robert Kagan’s recent essay in The New Republic, which addresses “the myth of American decline.” I was reading a less sunny assessment, “How the West Was Lost: Fifty Years of Economic Folly and the Stark Choices Ahead,” by Dambisa Moyo.

The Oxford and Harvard-educated Moyo, born and raised in Zambia, is a former World Bank consultant and investment banker whose bestseller, “Dead Aid,” caused a big stir by questioning the way postwar development policy, some of it inspired by star entertainers like Bono, had actually made poverty worse by pushing more charity than economic development.

Her new book, first published last year in Great Britain, turns her sights on how the U.S. and the rest of the West “have seen their wealth and dominant political position decline to the point where, today, they are about to forfeit all they have strived for — economic, military and political global supremacy.”

We have managed to alienate the emerging countries with whom we now compete — from China to Abu Dhabi, she says. Among other problems, we have invested much more of our resources in the older generations of workers and retirees than in educating our children — while other developing nations are striving to catch up.

Where, we are left to ask, will “cold fusion” or the “next killer app” or other scientific and technological breakthroughs come from?

Perhaps we need a new version of President Dwight Eisenhower’s push for the 1958 National Defense Education Act after the Russians launched Sputnik. That law emphasized foreign languages, science and gifted children. Today we need a new focus to make the American dream of educational achievement and upward mobility work for everybody, regardless of family income.

## POLITICAL COMMENTARY

# Tax, spend and repeat



RICH LOWRY



His latest budget is built on gimmicks and cheery assumptions that support a massive superstructure of new taxes and new debt. It is a blueprint for national decline, a budget worthy of Elysee Palace in its fiscal indiscipline, its squeeze on defense and its assumption of ever-increasing centralized bureaucratic power.

President Barack Obama loves to talk about how he was open to painful changes in entitlement programs in last year’s private budget talks with Republicans. Oddly enough, his bragged-about courage behind closed doors disappears every time he has to put his vision to paper in the light of day.

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The headline number is \$4 trillion in alleged debt reduction over 10 years. This figure includes about \$1 trillion for the wind-down of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that is happening regardless. Only in Washington do you take credit for cutting money you were never going to spend. The budget gets some more deficit reduction through playing games with the so-called baseline, the assumption of what spending will be in future years. All of the legerdemain is tissue for a continued spending spree.

The budget proposes slightly more in spending in fiscal year 2013 than the administration requested in its last budget for the coming year. Over 10 years, spending will increase from \$3.8 trillion to \$5.8 trillion, for \$47 trillion total. Spending doesn’t decline in any year. As recently as the end of the Clinton years spending was about 18 percent of GDP. President Obama plans to spend more than 22 percent of GDP every single year of his hoped-for two terms in office. In 2022, spending will be almost 23 percent of GDP. The increase in spending that we were told was an emergency response to the recession becomes the new normal.

The president wants to chase the new spending with almost \$2 trillion in new taxes — higher taxes on income, on dividends, on capital gains and on sundry other targets. Tax receipts will double from \$2.5 trillion to \$5.1 trillion and hit

a little more than 20 percent of GDP in 2022, well above the average since 1940 of 17.4 percent.

While spending grows overall, defense gets cut back. It is the area that the Obama administration considers most deserving of a dose of Greek-style austerity. Overall security spending — a broad category that includes more than just defense — will go from 5.2 percent of GDP to 3.4 percent. At the same time we are told we are pivoting toward an Asia threatened by a rising China.

The administration assumes the growth of Medicare will be kept under control by its king’s cure, the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

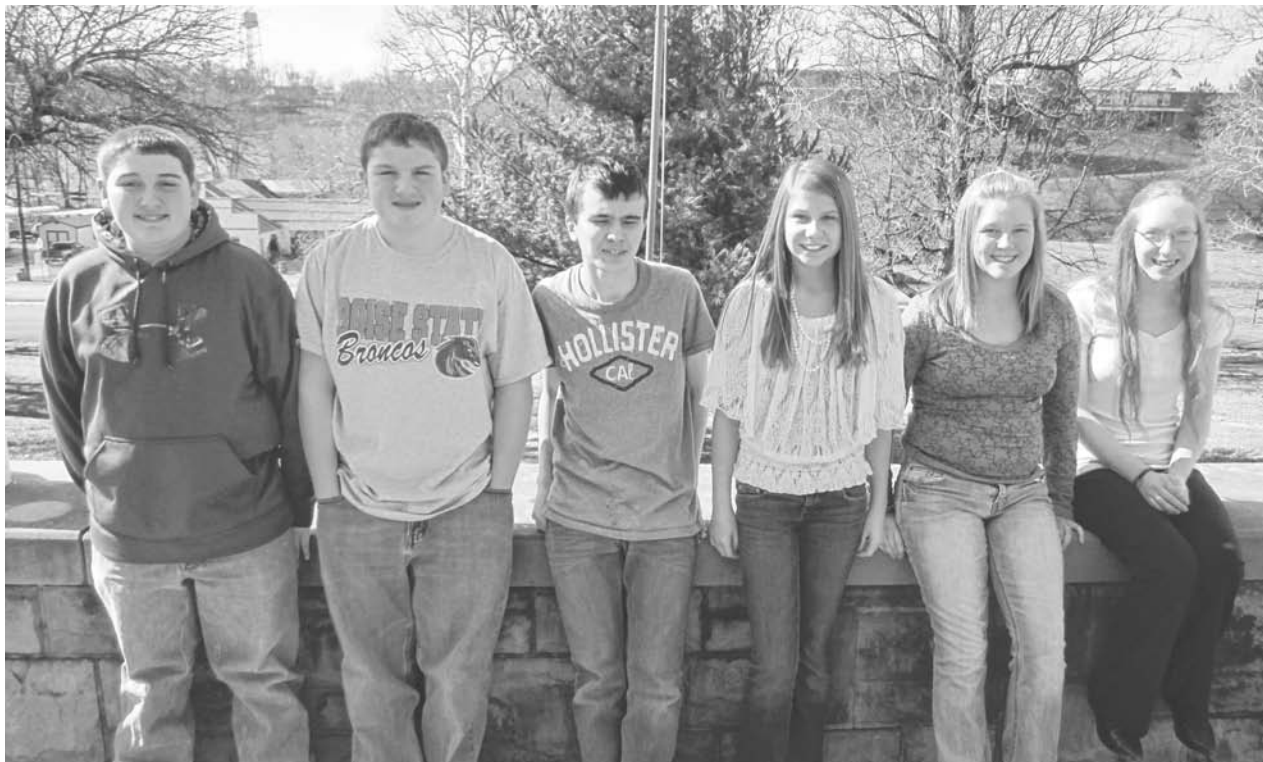
The budget envisions investing the board with new powers and clamping down further on its goal for controlling Medicare. The experts populating the board are limited to cuts to providers that either won’t happen or will drive many of them out of the program.

The bottom line is that even with the assumptions of healthy economic growth, of high taxes, of a peace dividend and of a ruthlessly efficient team of bureaucratic masters for Medicare, the debt picture is still bleak. On its own terms, the Obama budget would add another \$11 trillion in gross debt, taking us to an astonishing \$26 trillion. And that’s if nothing goes wrong.

This budget won’t be passed by Congress or even the Democratic-held Senate, because Democrats got out of that business. President Obama inveighs against a do-nothing Congress even though his own party hasn’t passed a budget in the Senate, as required by law, in more than 1,000 days. His chief of staff, Jack Lew, asserted the other day that Democrats can’t do it because Republicans won’t let them get 60 votes — when all they need is 51.

Given how much worse he looks whenever he puts something down on paper, the president should himself take the next logical step and stop offering budgets altogether.





**STUDENT STANDOUTS** | January 2012 Students of the Month from Simons Middle School include, from left: J.D. McGinnis (Principal's Choice), Harrison Fryman (Unified Arts), Tyler Lambert (North Team), Morgan Applegate (Dream Team), Brittany Jackson (Omega Team), and Julianna Leach (South Team).

**VALENTINES WINNER** Sharon Coe presents contest winner Brenda Yates of Manchester, Ohio, with a Valentine basket from the OWL Club. Proceeds went to the scholarship fund.



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## O.W.L. Club announces Valentines giveaway winner

The February meeting of the Outgoing Working Ladies Club was held Thursday, Feb. 9, at Applebee's Restaurant.

President Carla Padgett welcomed eight members. The blessing was given by Susan Iery. The secretary's report was given by Sharon Cooper with the minutes being approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given by Sara Fryman in the absence of Susan Lang.

The main topic of the meeting was the Valentines Gift Giveaway. The president and members were very pleased with the success of the fundraiser. Carla thanked members for their hard work in making the event such a success in exceeding their goal. Items included in the package were gift certificates from Carol Jean Flowers, deSha's, Bob Evans, Chandler's, Milano's, Applebee's and Pasquales. Also included were tickets to the Maysville Players, "More Fun than Bowling," wine from Baker Bird Winery and a box of Valentine Candy.

Funds raised from the event will go toward the Jim and Mildred Brell, Sharon Deadmond and Bertie Lang Scholarship Fund.

The lucky winner of the Valentine's Gift Giveaway was Brenda Yates of Manchester, Ohio.

In other business members discussed candidates for the 2012 scholarship program. Further discussion of this year's recipients will be held at the March meeting.

The March meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 1 at Caproni's Restaurant.

## ADVICE

# Walls are poor conductors for casual conversations

**DEAR ABBY:** What do you think about people who attempt to converse with you from another room? My boyfriend does it fairly often. He may be on the computer while I'm reading or watching TV, and he'll yell out a question or tell me something. Most of the time I answer him, but then he'll continue the conversation — all from the other room.

I find it rude, and to be quite honest, disrespectful. I also think it makes no sense because with the TV on it's difficult to hear him. If I want to speak to someone in another room, I get off my "keester" and go directly to him or her. That's common sense. My former roommate used to do the same thing. Do you think this is a "guy thing"? — **CAN'T HEAR IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR CAN'T HEAR:** Nope. It's just lazy. And it continues because you allow it. Tell your boyfriend that if he has something he wants to say to you, he should come and say it. Point out that you give him that respect. And if he "forgets," stay put and don't answer from the other room.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend with whom I exchange birthday and Christmas gifts. I make a great deal of effort to find things I know she would like, and I have been quite successful. My friend, however, buys me things I suspect she would like for herself.

Example: I'm always hot while she's always chilly. She bought me heavy pajamas and a warm robe for Christmas. I don't like spicy food — she does. She gave me two large containers of seasoning containing chili pepper. I love to read fiction while she prefers nonfiction. For my birthday I received a book about history.

This kind of exchange has been going on for years, and I don't remember receiving one gift I could really use. What can I say to her? — **PEEVED IN PITTSBURGH**

**DEAR PEEVED:** To say something would be rude. I do have a suggestion, however. On the next gift-giving occasion, give your friend some things YOU would like. Example: A pretty fan to accessorize a summer dress, a jar of your favorite jam, a novel or two you would enjoy reading — and then you can agree on a gift exchange. Problem solved.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a 2-year-old son, "Seth." His father, "Ray," and I went our separate ways during my pregnancy. He came to see Seth a few times when he was a couple of months old and promised he'd continue, but he didn't follow through. Ray has married since then, and hasn't called to ask about his son. I don't call him either.

He didn't show up for court and the DNA test, so the judge ordered him to pay child support by default, which he has been doing. I don't believe in forcing a man to be a father, and I would never make my son visit him. It is obvious Ray has no interest in his child. I contacted the grandparents and they are just as cold. What do I tell Seth when he asks about his father? — **SOLE PARENT IN ALABAMA**

**DEAR SOLE PARENT:** Tell him the truth. Explain that when he was born, Ray wasn't ready to accept the responsibilities that go along with being a dad — and that as time has passed, Ray has been unwilling to step forward. As sad as that may be, it would be worse to give your son false information or false hope that his biological father will ever be willing to give him more than the court ordered him to.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2012. There are 345 days left in the year.

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY

On Jan. 21, 1908, New York City's Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance prohibiting women from smoking in public. (Although the measure was vetoed two weeks later by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr., at least one woman, Katie Mulcahey, was arrested and spent a night in jail after being unable to pay a \$5 fine.)

### ON THIS DATE

In 1648, Margaret Brent went before the Maryland colonial assembly to seek two

votes in that body, one for herself as a landowner, the other as the legal representative of the absent Lord Baltimore; the assembly turned her down.

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1937, Count Basie and his band recorded "One O'Clock Jump" for Decca Records (on this date in 1942, they re-recorded the song for Okeh Records).

In 1950, George Orwell (Eric Blair), author of "Nineteen Eighty-Four," died in London at age 46.

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton (GRAH'-tuhn), Conn. (However, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later.)

In 1968, an American B-52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed in Greenland, killing one crew member and scattering radioactive material.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 1997, Speaker Newt Gingrich was reprimanded and fined as the House voted for the first time in history to discipline its leader for ethical misconduct.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Sultry singer Peggy Lee died in Bel Air, Calif., at age 81.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

Venezuelan President Hugo

Chavez told U.S. officials to "Go to hell, gringos!" and called Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice "missy" on his weekly radio and TV show, lashing out at Washington for what he called unacceptable meddling in his country's affairs. Lovie Smith became the first black head coach to make it to the Super Bowl when his Chicago Bears won the NFC championship, beating the New Orleans Saints 39-14; Tony Dungy became the second when his Indianapolis Colts took the AFC title over the New England Patriots, 38-34.


### ONE YEAR AGO

President Barack Obama visited Schenectady, N.Y., the birthplace of the General Electric Co., to declare that his job was "putting our economy into overdrive." South Korean special forces stormed a hijacked freighter in the Arabian Sea,

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress Ann Wedgeworth is 78. World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 72. Opera singer Placido Domingo is 71. Singer Mac Davis is 70. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 62. Attorney General Eric Holder is 61. Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen is 59. Actor-director Robby Benson is 56. Actress Geena Davis is 56. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 49. Rapper Levirt (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 42. Rock singer-songwriter Cat Power is 40. Rock DJ Chris Kilmore (Incubus) is 39. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 36. Country singer Phil Stacey is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nokia (Dru Hill) is 33.

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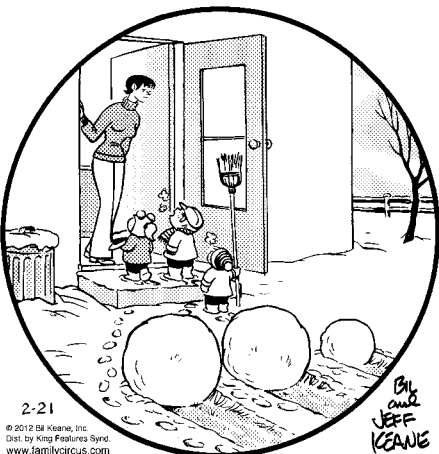
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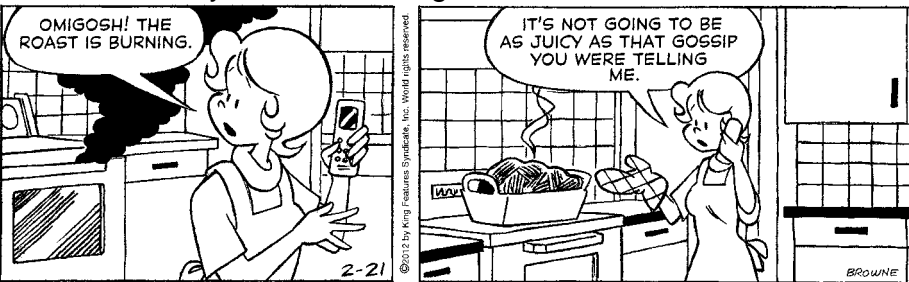


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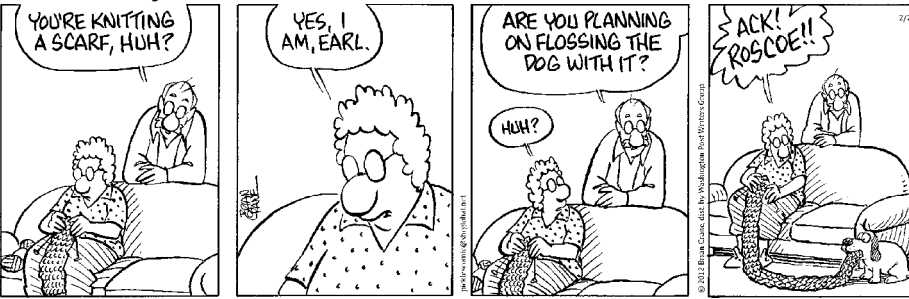
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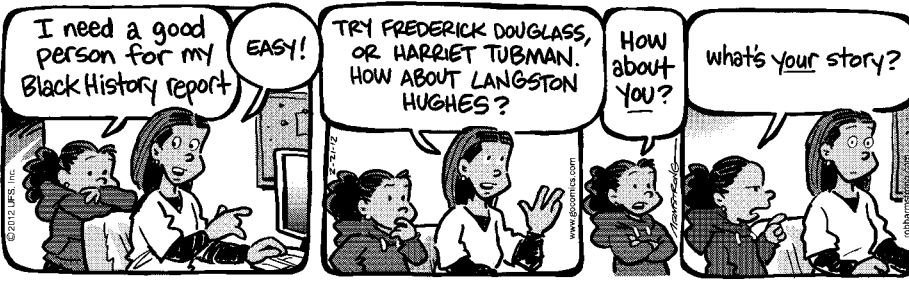
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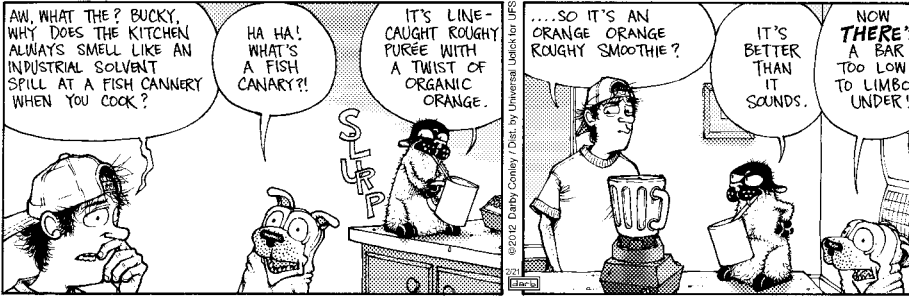
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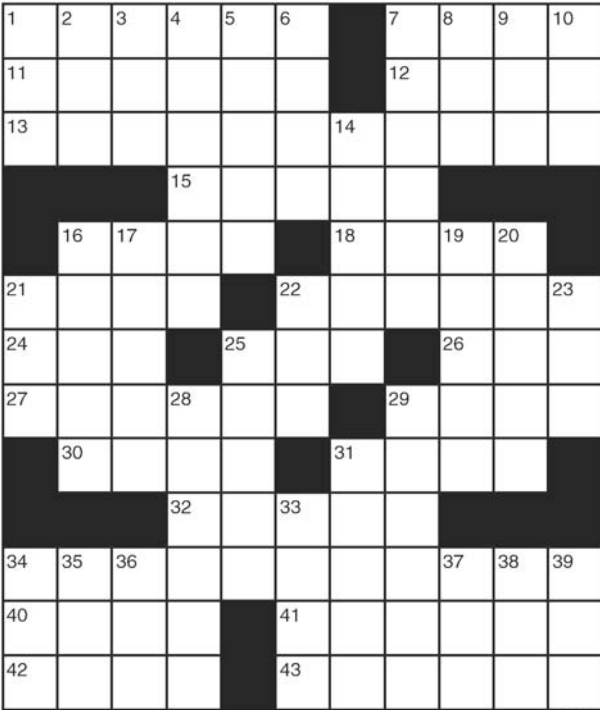
BLONDIE by Dean Young and Stan Drake



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7 Blunder  
11 Lucky charm  
12 Ready for picking  
13 Chopin work  
15 Train station  
16 Gaze  
18 Catching need  
21 Deck unit  
22 Big parties  
24 In the past  
25 Hot-dog holder  
26 Agent, for short  
27 Doorstops, often  
29 Broadway award  
30 Glade grazer  
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34 Thin-sliced beef  
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41 Painter Frank  
42 Well-behaved  
43 Historic regatta

- DOWN  
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5 Taxi feature  
6 Dance move  
7 Free  
8 Squeak stopper  
9 Make a choice  
10 Turkish topper  
14 Grown girl  
16 Called to the phone  
17 Crumble  
19 Flom  
20 Prom crowd  
21 Crow cry



- 22 City vehicle  
23 Secret agent  
25 Floppy cap  
28 Verbal noun  
29 Critic's annual list  
31 Squander  
33 Interlace  
34 Sister of Jo, Amy and Beth  
35 Wedding words  
36 Recent: Prefix  
37 Building wing  
38 Hearty brew  
39 Arthur's foster brother

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER



BRIDGE by Steve Becker

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH  
♠ 10 6 3  
♥ K 6  
♦ K Q 10 9 5 2  
♣ A J

WEST  
♠ 5 4  
♥ J 9 7 3  
♦ A 8 6  
♣ 9 7 6 4

EAST  
♠ 9 2  
♥ A Q 10 4  
♦ 7 4 3  
♣ K 8 5 2

SOUTH  
♠ A K Q J 8 7  
♥ 8 5 2  
♦ J  
♣ Q 10 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass  
2♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

Opening lead — three of hearts.

tract, it is best to assume that East has the ace and adapt your play accordingly. The reason to place East with the ace is that virtually all players have learned in one way or another that leading away from an ace against a suit contract will prove to be a losing proposition in the great majority of deals.

You should therefore play the six of hearts from dummy at trick one, dismissing the unlikely possibility of West's having the ace.

East wins the heart with the queen and cashes the ace, but he is fighting a losing cause. Whatever he returns, the only other trick you can lose is the ace of diamonds. You don't lose a club trick because your

clubs can eventually be discarded on dummy's diamonds.  
Now let's suppose you imprudently played the king of hearts from dummy at trick one. In that case, good defense would defeat you.  
East takes the ace, and instead of cashing the queen, he returns a low heart! He does not have to be a genius to do this. East realizes that if you had the jack, you would have played low from dummy at trick one rather than put up the king.  
West wins the heart at trick two and shifts to a club, and in the fullness of time you go down one.  
**Tomorrow:** Vigilance — the price of victory.

HOROSCOPE by Frances Drake

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**  
This is a good day to think about your spiritual values. No matter what you "believe" in, you do have values. How do your values serve your best interests?  
**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**  
The New Moon today is the best day all year to make a resolution about improving friendships. Should you join a group? Do you want more friends? Do you like the friends you have?  
**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
Each New Moon is an opportunity to set intentions. Today's New Moon is your chance to think about your career and your life direction. Are you headed where you want to go?  
**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
What kind of further travel or education and training can you get that will enrich your life? Or perhaps improve your job? Think about this.  
**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)**  
Today is the best day all year to think about how you can reduce your debt and also how you can best deal with shared property. Time to pull your act together!  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)**  
What can you do to improve your partnerships and closest friendships? Today's New Moon poses this question to you.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)**  
Think of three ways you can improve your health, as well as three ways you can improve your job or your approach to your job. (What have you got to lose?)  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)**  
Romance, sports, playful activities with children and creative outlets are important balances in your life. You can't just work, work, work. Do you have a happy balance?  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)**  
What can you do to make your home more attractive and welcoming?

Similarly, what can you do to improve your family relationships? These are good questions for today.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)**  
Ask yourself how you can be a better communicator with others. What can you do to improve communications, especially with siblings and relatives?  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)**  
Are you happy with how you handle your money and your possessions? What can you do to be more in control so that your money and possessions serve your needs better?  
**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)**  
The only New Moon in your sign is occurring today. Take a look in the mirror and assess what you can do to improve your image.  
**YOU BORN TODAY**  
You give yourself completely to whatever fascinates you. You work hard. You also play hard. You are emotionally passionate and seek ways to express your creativity and your feelings.  
You're a straight shooter who constantly strives to be a better person. Because your year ahead is the beginning of a new cycle, open any door. Stay flexible and eager!

CRYPTOGRAM

by Bob Johnson and Mary Margolies

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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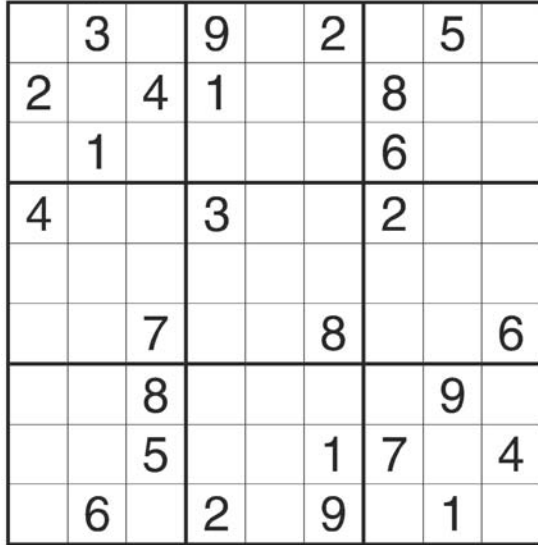
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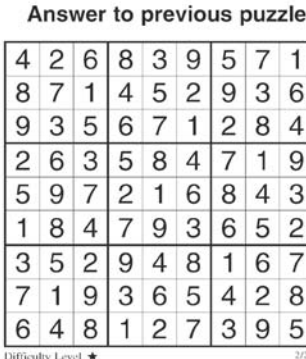
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Yesterday's Cryptquote: IF YOU WOULD HAVE A GOOD WIFE, MARRY ONE WHO HAS BEEN A GOOD DAUGHTER. — THOMAS FULLER

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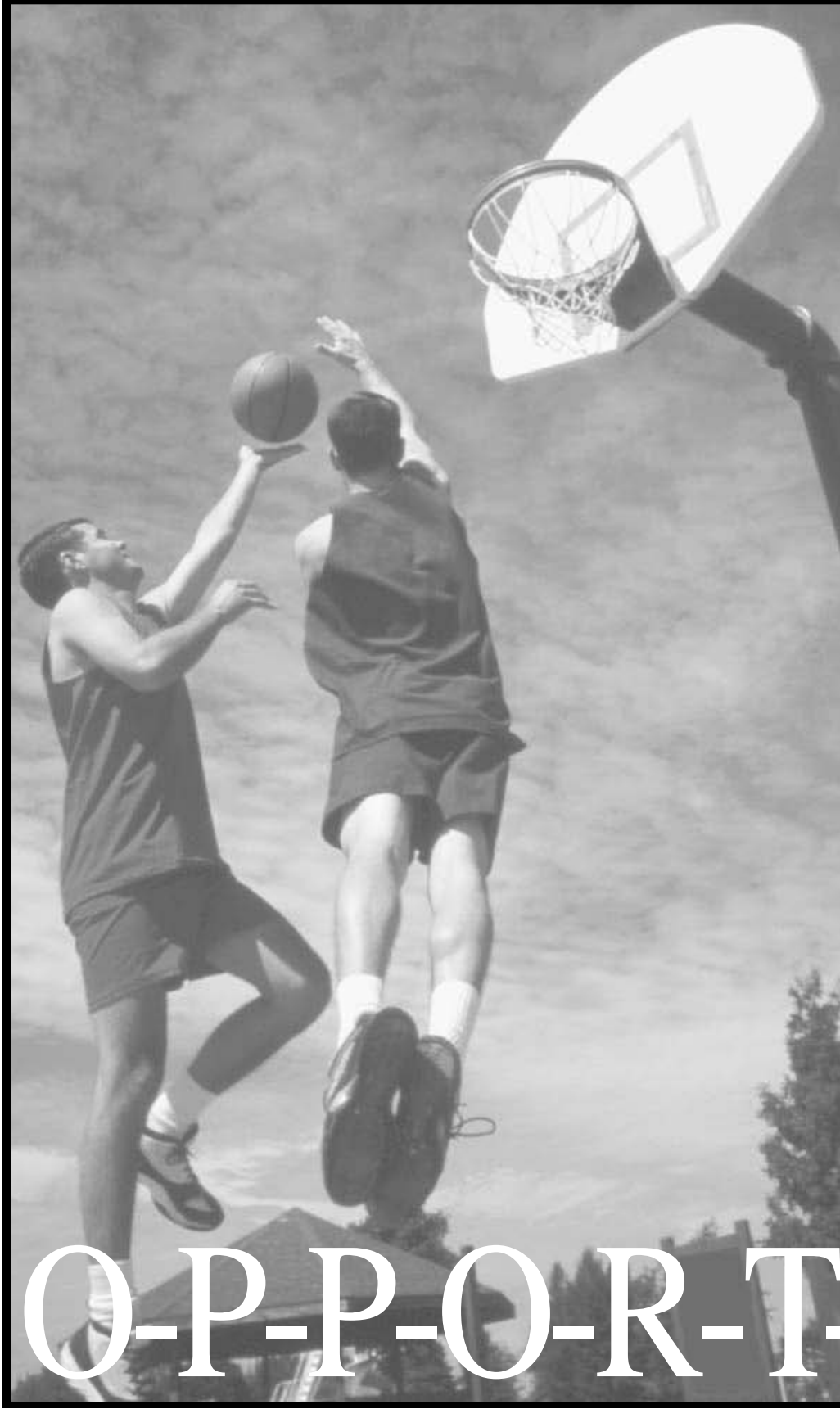
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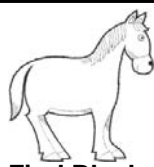
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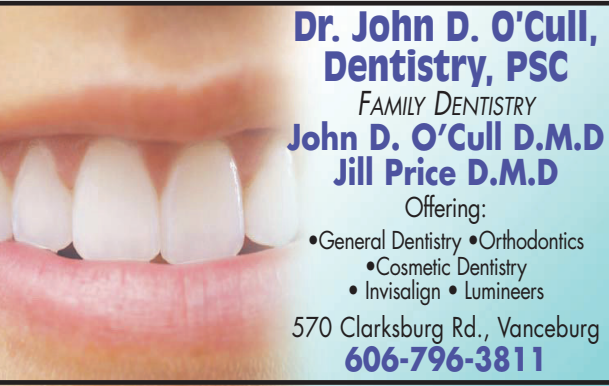
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